**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BRIGADIER GENERAL LARRY L. BOYD, UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY‑FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY DEPARTMENT IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are deeply grateful to Brigadier General Larry L. Boyd for his long and significant service to our State and nation; and

Whereas, born in Loris in 1950, he graduated from Goose Creek High School and pursued his military interests through Sea Cadets, Boy Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, and Junior Firefighters; and

Whereas, upon completion of enlistment in the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Boyd attended the College of Charleston. For over thirty years he served in professional emergency fields as a first responder, a firefighter with the City of Myrtle Beach for six years, and an emergency‑medical and hazardous‑material technician; and

Whereas, he served as fire chief for the Town of Ravenel, and for twenty‑six years, he was a Department of Defense civil‑service employee at both Charleston Naval Base and Fort Jackson fire departments. He was honored at Charleston Naval Base as Employee of the Year for 1982, and the next year, he was selected among fourteen thousand federal employees as Employee of the Year for the Eastern District of the United States; and

Whereas, upon retirement from civil service, he was employed for seven years as a district retail supervisor and retail manager for Distribution Services, a division of American Media, Inc.; and

Whereas, in 1983, Brigadier General Boyd combined his love for military service with his continuing volunteerism and enlisted in the South Carolina State Guard, 3d Coastal Brigade, serving in such Brigade positions as Deputy Commander for Administration and Logistics, and later at the State Guard Division level as Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics (G‑4); Budget and Finance Officer; and Deputy Chief of Staff, Civil‑Military Operations (G‑5); and

Whereas, an active member of Charleston’s Washington Light Infantry for two decades, he has served as President of the Palmetto Chapter of the State Guard Association of the United States; and

Whereas, Brigadier General Boyd graduated from the United States Army Professional Leadership Development Quartermaster Course, Engineer Officer Basic Course, and United States Naval and Marine Leadership Course, and attended The Citadel as a non‑resident for the United States Army Command and General Staff College; and

Whereas, his numerous State Guard awards and decorations include the Medal of Merit with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the Commendation Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the State Guard Service Ribbon with Four Silver Stars and Two Bronze Stars, the Military Readiness Ribbon, and the Governor’s Unit Citation; and

Whereas, after twenty‑seven years in the State Guard, Brigadier General Boyd joined the South Carolina Military Department to work with the Joint Services Detachment as part of the Governmental Directorate services where he served with distinction for another eleven years; and

Whereas, in his retirement, he plans to spend many hours of enjoyment with his wife and two children, Tammy Lee and Larry Allen, and with his loving grandchildren; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the years of dedication that Larry Boyd has devoted to the Palmetto State, and the members wish him many years of satisfaction in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Brigadier General Larry L. Boyd, upon his retirement after thirty‑five years of outstanding service with the South Carolina Military Department in the State of South Carolina, and wish him continued happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Brigadier General Boyd.

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