**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD AND THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA UPON THE OCCASION OF THE TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PARTNERSHIP AND TO RECOGNIZE TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022 AS “SIEMPRE JUNTOS DAY.”

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to recognize the South Carolina National Guard and the Republic of Colombia as they celebrate this important milestone and to affirm the bonds of friendship and mutual support forged by this unique, enduring, bilateral relationship; and

Whereas, the South Carolina National Guard and Colombian Armed Forces have participated together in more than one hundred and twenty key leader engagements, subject matter expert exchanges, assessments, and exercises over the past ten years, establishing long‑lasting personal and professional relationships between more than three thousand South Carolinian and Colombian military professionals; and

Whereas, their collaborative engagements over the last ten years have strengthened the capabilities and capacity of South Carolina Guard members and their partners in the Colombian Armed Forces to excel in combat readiness, disaster preparedness, humanitarian assistance, cyber defense, legal reform, and human rights awareness so as to defend, protect, and secure their respective communities; and

Whereas, through a steadfast as well as continuously evolving mutually‑beneficial program of security cooperation, the South Carolina National Guard and the Colombian Armed Forces have inspired historic gains in leadership development, the sophistication of military capabilities, and the rigorous defense of shared values; and

Whereas, this ten‑year anniversary marks only the first decade of a unique, enduring partnership that will continue to deepen and grow for many years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate the South Carolina National Guard and the Republic of Colombia upon the occasion of the ten-year anniversary of their partnership and recognize Tuesday, June 28, 2022 as “Siempre Juntos Day.”

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to General Luis Navarro.

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