**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ROBBIE D. PADGETT, 20TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON SUPERINTENDENT AT SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THIS GREAT COUNTRY AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A LONG AND FULFILLING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, born in Barnwell and raised in Sumter, Chief Master Sergeant Robbie D. Padgett, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron superintendent for Shaw Air Force Base, soon will retire from a distinguished twenty‑nine‑year career in the United States Air Force; and

Whereas, Robbie Padgett entered the Air Force in 1992 and was assigned to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, after basic training. His background includes leadership roles in traditional Civil Engineer and RED HORSE squadrons, and he has deployed on numerous occasions in support of Operation Southern Watch, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom; and

Whereas, prior to taking up his duties in his current position, Chief Master Sergeant Padgett served as superintendent, 99th Mission Support Group, and AEG Superintendent for NORTHCOM’s Defense Support for Civil Authorities Command Team, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada; and

Whereas, in his present post as 20th Civil Engineer Squadron superintendent at Shaw Air Force Base, Chief Master Sergeant Padgett is responsible for the mission, welfare, priorities, professional development, and combat readiness of the unit’s four hundred three military, civilian, and contract personnel; and

Whereas, in recognition of his outstanding service, Chief Master Sergeant Padgett has been awarded numerous honors, among them the Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, U.S. Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, and U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters; and

Whereas, further, he has received many other recognitions, including being named the 2016 Air Combat Command Civil Engineer Superintendent of the Year (Larry R. Daniels Award) and 2019 Air Combat Command Civil Engineer Chief of the Year; and

Whereas, grateful for his invaluable contributions to the United States military, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to salute Chief Master Sergeant Padgett for his nearly three decades of dedicated service to this country and wish him a satisfying, enjoyable retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Chief Master Sergeant Robbie D. Padgett, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron superintendent at Shaw Air Force Base, for his many years of exemplary service to this great country and offer best wishes for a long and fulfilling retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Chief Master Sergeant Robbie D. Padgett.

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