**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE COLONEL JACKIE L. THOMPSON, JR., UPON HIS PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF BRIGADIER GENERAL AND ASSIGNMENT AS CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL, OFFICE OF MILITARY COMMISSIONS, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH SUCCESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly learned that Colonel Jackie L. Thompson, Jr., was nominated by President Biden and confirmed by the United States Senate for promotion to the rank of Brigadier General and assignment as Chief Defense Counsel, Office of Military Commissions; and

Whereas, Colonel Thompson has had an extensive career of more than thirty years in which he has demonstrated his tremendous talents, skills, and abilities as a judge advocate, officer of the United States Army, and leader. He currently serves as the Chief of the United States Army Trial Defense Service (USATDS); and

Whereas, prior to assuming those duties, he served as Staff Judge Advocate for Fort Benning, Georgia; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for U.S. Army Europe, Wiesbaden, Germany; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for U.S. Army Central Command, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina; Southeast Regional Defense Counsel, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Officer-in-Charge of Operational Law, Mission Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and Brigade Judge Advocate, Fort Carson, Colorado. He also served as the Chief of Administrative Law and Chief of Justice at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Senior Defense Counsel for United States Forces in Northern Iraq; Training Officer for the USATDS in Arlington, Virginia; and as a trial counsel, legal assistance attorney, and tax attorney at Fort Sam, Houston, Texas; and

Whereas, with his many years of dedicated service, Colonel Thompson has earned several military awards including the Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, he graduated from Illinois State University in 1993 with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. In 1996, while serving as a member of the Army National Guard, he received his commission from the Illinois Military Academy Officer Candidate School, and in 1997, he received his juris doctor from Northern Illinois University School of Law. Colonel Thompson later earned an LL.M in military law from the Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School; and

Whereas, a 2010 graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, he earned a master’s degree in national security studies from the United States Army War College. Colonel Thompson is a member of the state bars of Illinois, Wisconsin, and Texas, and he has been admitted to practice before the Army Court of Criminal Appeals, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, the United States Court of Federal Claims, and the United States Supreme Court; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of commitment and excellence that Colonel Jackie L. Thompson, Jr., has bestowed on this country, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to wish him well as he continues to serve this great nation in his new assignment. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Colonel Jackie L. Thompson, Jr., upon his promotion to the rank of Brigadier General and assignment as Chief Defense Counsel, Office of Military Commissions, commend him for his many years of service, and extend best wishes for much success in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Colonel Jackie L. Thompson, Jr.

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