**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE MASTER SERGEANT JAMES V. ROONEY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Master Sergeant James V. Rooney for his dedicated service to protecting the freedom, democracy, and security of our State and nation; and

Whereas, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, Master Sergeant James V. Rooney is an alumnus of Holy Name Central Catholic High School, Champlain College, and Northeastern University; and

Whereas, Master Sergeant Rooney joined the United States Army in 1991. Over the course of his career, he has served as a senior instructor at the Army Mountain Warfare School, junior and senior weapons sergeant on Special Forces Operational Detachment‑Alpha 3112, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge for the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat Committee, team sergeant for the Special Forces Operational Detachment‑Alpha 3116 and 3126, and kennel master for the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) Special Forces Multi‑Purpose Canine Detachment. He currently works at the United States Army Special Operations Command in the Commanders Action Group as the senior enlisted advisor; and

Whereas, over the years, Master Sergeant Rooney has been assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Drum, New York; Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont; and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He has deployed to Afghanistan and Africa for combat operations and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Slovenia, Macedonia, Egypt, Italy, and Puerto Rico for training. He has also graduated from a number of military courses and programs; and

Whereas, given his many years of distinguished service, Master Sergeant Rooney has received countless awards, including the Bronze Star Medal with Valor “V” (2nd award), Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Bronze Star Medal (4th award), Army Commendation Medal with Valor “V,” Army Commendation Medal (4th award), Army Achievement Medal (5th award), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (4 stars), Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd award), United Nations Medal Somalia, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (8th award), Armed Forces Service Medal, National Defense Medal (1 star), Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal (2nd award), Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 3), Combat Infantryman’s Badge (2nd award), Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, Master Parachutist Wings, Chilean Parachutist wings, German Parachutist wings, Canadian Parachutist wings, Valorous Unit Award, and Joint Meritorious Unit Award; and

Whereas, Master Sergeant Rooney is married to Kristy Marie Rooney, and together, they have a daughter, Ava, and son, Bryce. They reside in Whispering Pines, North Carolina; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the dedicated service of Master Sergeant James V. Rooney to this great nation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Master Sergeant James V. Rooney for his many years of distinguished service with the United States Army.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Master Sergeant James V. Rooney.

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