**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR THOMAS L. BROWN OF THE SOLDIER SUPPORT INSTITUTE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO OUR STATE AND NATION, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly has learned that on February 1, 2013, Command Sergeant Major Thomas L. Brown of the Soldier Support Institute will begin a well‑deserved retirement after more than thirty years of meritorious military service; and

Whereas, over the course of his illustrious career, Command Sergeant Major Brown has served soldiers, the Finance Corps, and the U.S. Army with a distinction that has earned him the respect of all who have had the privilege of working with him. His contributions in furthering the aims of the Finance Corps have been many and worthy of the special recognition conveyed by his designation as a Brigadier General Robert C. Goetz Distinguished Member of the Regiment and Distinguished Member of the Finance Corps Regiment. He is also a recipient of the Major General Nathan Towson Award by the Finance Corps Association; and

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Brown, a native of South Carolina, earned his bachelor’s degree in liberal arts at Excelsior College in Albany, New York. In addition, the highlights of his military education and qualifications include Airborne School, Sniper School, Drill Sergeant School, Master Fitness Course, and is a graduate of Class 50, the United States Army Command Sergeant Majors Academy; and

Whereas, having entered the Army on February 4, 1982, Command Sergeant Major Brown served during his career in a variety of leadership positions, including detachment sergeant, first sergeant, and battalion command sergeant major. His most recent assignment was the regimental command sergeant major of the Finance Corps, and he assumed duties as the Soldier Support Institute command sergeant major in 2009; and

Whereas, among his stateside assignments, the most recent include the Finance School and the Non‑Commissioned Officer Academy, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; and Echo Company, 369th Adjutant General Battalion, Fort Jackson. His overseas assignments include, among others, 266th Task Force, Bosnia‑Herzegovina; 8th Finance Battalion, Baumholder, Germany and the 266th Finance Command, Schwetzingen, Germany; and

Whereas, in recognition of his fine achievements, Command Sergeant Major Brown has received manifold awards. Numbered among them are the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, six Army Achievement Medals, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Service Medal. He is also a member of the prestigious Sergeant Morales Club; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Command Sergeant Major Thomas L. Brown has bestowed on this great State and nation, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement and trusts he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. 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 Command Sergeant Major Thomas L. Brown of the Soldier Support Institute upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for more than thirty years of distinguished service to our State and nation, and extend best wishes for continued success and fulfillment in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Command Sergeant Major Thomas L. Brown.

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