**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO INVITE THE NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, THE HONORABLE JAMES E. KOUTZ, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT 12:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013.

Whereas, the Honorable James E. Koutz is a distinguished United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War, having served his country from 1969 to 1971, and he is currently a resident of the State of Indiana; and

Whereas, a member of the American Legion for over thirty years, he is a member of Boonville Post 200 where he served as post commander for nine years and was honored with a lifetime membership and where his father served as a past commander; and

Whereas, having held numerous offices in the American Legion at various levels, the Honorable James E. Koutz was elected as the national commander on August 30, 2012, in Indianapolis, Indiana, during the ninety‑fourth national convention of the nation’s largest veterans’ organization; and

Whereas, speaking before a joint session of the South Carolina General Assembly is an honor reserved for leaders of national prominence. 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, invite the National Commander of the American Legion, the Honorable James E. Koutz, to address the General Assembly in joint session in the chamber of the South Carolina House of Representatives at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable James E. Koutz.

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