**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CAPTAIN CHARLES F. GANDY, JR. VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 6734 OF GREENVILLE COUNTY FOR ITS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO SOUTH CAROLINA’S VETERANS AND THE COMMUNITY, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE STAFF AND COMRADES FOR THEIR NUMEROUS AWARDS IN 2016 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the Captain Charles F. Gandy, Jr. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6734 was recognized as the best in the State, winning four of the seven awards presented during the 2016 Department of South Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars State Convention; and

Whereas, the James W. Cothran 2015‑2016 Award for Most Outstanding VFW Post was awarded to Post 6734, a prestigious award that reflects the hard work, personal sacrifices, and dedication the comrades displayed in working collectively to meet the criteria for this award; and

Whereas, immediate past Commander E. J. Irick received the Samuel U. Roach Award for Most Outstanding Post Commander for the second consecutive year; and

Whereas, current Quartermaster Garfield L. Woods received the Melvin L. “Mel” Emore Award for Most Outstanding Post Quartermaster also for the second consecutive year; and

Whereas, current Junior Vice Commander Roy Miller received the Louis Thornton Award for the Most Outstanding Veterans of Foreign Wars Member, as well as the Web‑Site Award for Most Outstanding Post Web‑Site; and

Whereas, these distinguished awards and recognitions exemplify the outstanding work the post is doing in serving South Carolina’s veterans and the community by performing above and beyond the standards of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Organization; and

Whereas, Captain Charles F. Gandy, Jr. Post 6734 has partnered with the United States Department of Defense program to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Era. In this role the post has held Lapel Pinning Ceremonies for more than seven hundred veterans who gave so much and got so little. Ceremonies have been held at churches, colleges, Military Appreciation Day football games, class reunions, birthday parties, community centers, the NAACP 34th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, and Veterans Day programs, giving these comrades a long overdue expression of appreciation for their service and gratitude for their safe return home; and

Whereas, under the leadership of current Post Commander Margaret O. Richardson, the first female elected to this position, Captain Charles F. Gandy, Jr. Post 6734 will continue its legacy of being the best in the State; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate commend the staff and comrades of VFW Post 6734 for more than seven decades of excellence in service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognizes and honors the Captain Charles F. Gandy, Jr. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6734 of Greenville County for its exemplary service to South Carolina’s veterans and the community, and congratulates the staff and comrades for their numerous awards in 2016 from the Department of South Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Post Commander Margaret O. Richardson.

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