**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT FIRST CLASS RALPH CASTLE AND JANE ANN MAXWELL FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE 122ND SAPPER COMPANY IN FORT MILL, AND TO COMMEND THEIR EFFORTS AND THE EFFORTS OF MANY OTHERS IN “OPERATION HUSH,” THE PROJECT TO REFURBISH THE FORT MILL ARMORY RECREATION ROOM.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the work of Sergeant First Class Ralph Castle and Jane Ann Maxwell to honor the deployed soldiers of the 122nd Sapper Company by renovating the Fort Mill Armory recreation room; and

Whereas, when the company deployed for their third tour of a war zone, they said farewell to their families from the rundown recreation room in the Fort Mill Armory; and

Whereas, while the soldiers have been gone, Sergeant Ralph Castle and Jane Ann Maxwell began a plan to clean up the recreation room, and that plan has transformed into a project now called “Operation Hush,” a project they hope will surprise the company when the soldiers return home in October; and

Whereas, battered furniture has been discarded, sheet rock has been cut, and updated wiring and lighting have been added to create the feel of a sports bar; and

Whereas, now a corps of volunteers is on a mission of its own with a dream of cleaning up a once dilapidated room, and local businesses have helped to make the dream a reality by providing some of the new furnishings for the room; and

Whereas, when the company returns home in October, Sergeant Castle and Jane Ann Maxwell hope to have several seating arrangements with a media center for children and adults, complete with pictures and games, a pool table, some plants, fresh paint and flooring in the recreation room of the armory; and

Whereas, the volunteers and contributors want to express their appreciation for the dedication of these soldiers who have left their homes and families to answer the call of their country and for the sacrifice that the families have made; and

Whereas, the finished recreation room will serve as a warm environment that feels like home, a place for birthday parties for the children or for baby showers for the spouses, and a place for the soldiers’ family members to gather; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the efforts of Sergeant First Class Ralph Castle and Jane Ann Maxwell and the countless volunteers in “Operation Hush” to boost the military and family morale of their neighbors deployed with the 122nd Sapper Company. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Sergeant First Class Ralph Castle and Jane Ann Maxwell for their support of the 122nd Sapper Company in Fort Mill, and commend their efforts and the efforts of many others in “Operation Hush,” the project to refurbish the Fort Mill Armory recreation room.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sergeant First Class Ralph Castle and to Jane Ann Maxwell.

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