**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE COLONEL TRACY L. SIMMONS, COMMAND INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE 311TH EXPEDITIONARY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE; TO THANK HIM FOR THE SACRIFICES HE HAS MADE IN DEFENDING OUR COUNTRY; AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS AS HE CONTINUES HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate, on behalf of all South Carolinians, acknowledge with deep appreciation the great sacrifice that the men and women of our armed forces make for the ideals of freedom and justice, which are so richly enjoyed in the United States of America; and

Whereas, Colonel Tracy L. Simmons stands high among those servicemen and women so honored by their respective states and nation; and

Whereas, Colonel Simmons graduated from Francis Marion University with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science, from Troy University with a Master of Public Administration, and from the United States Army War College with a Master of Strategic Studies. He also completed military courses at Combined Arms and Services Staff School, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and Joint and Combined Warfighting School; and

Whereas, during the course of his service with the Army National Guard and United States Army Reserve, Colonel Simmons has served as chief of the training management branch, deputy brigade commander, battalion executive officer, operations officer, readiness and mobilization officer, executive officer and civil affairs team leader, plans officer, battalion operations officer, regiment assistant operations officer, chief of division assistant one station unit training branch, battalion S-1, member of the Individual Ready Reserve, commander, executive officer, and platoon leader. He has served joint and operational deployments in Afghanistan; and

Whereas, Colonel Simmons has received a number of awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and Parachutist Badge; and

Whereas, the Senate is exceedingly grateful for Colonel Simmons’ dedicated service, sacrifice, and hard work, and the members look forward to hearing of his continued success in the days to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Colonel Tracy L. Simmons, Command Inspector General of the 311th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, for his outstanding service to the Army National Guard and United States Army Reserve; thank him for the sacrifices he has made in defending our country; and wish him much success and happiness as he continues his illustrious career.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Colonel Tracy L. Simmons.

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