**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR BEING RANKED THE NUMBER ONE UNIVERSITY ON THE “2022 MILITARY TIMES BEST FOR VETS: COLLEGES” MILITARY TIMES LIST.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the University of South Carolina has been ranked the Number One university on the “2022 Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges” Military Times list; and

Whereas, the ranking, which covers over three hundred public and private institutions, serves as the gold standard among the veteran and military community in terms of higher education; and

Whereas, this is the second year in a row that the University of South Carolina has been recognized as a “Best for Vets” institution. In January 2021, the university opened the Veterans and Military Center of Excellence in the heart of campus across from the Horseshoe for veterans to gather, study, and reap the benefits of the services available to them, providing a sense of community for this population; and

Whereas, the Columbia campus serves about two thousand military‑affiliated students, including Veterans, Active‑Duty service members, ROTC, National Guardsmen, Reservists, and family members. As a population that excels academically, increases diversity and minority representation, and graduates with little to no debt, the veteran and military population has been a driving force behind the overall success and growth of military initiatives on campus; and

Whereas, the Veterans and Military Center of Excellence sets the university apart and has fundamentally transformed how the university engages with and supports these students by providing services and programs from the moment students walk onto campus to when they are preparing to graduate and pursue their next career; and

Whereas, the Senate is grateful for the University of South Carolina’s service to the people and the State of South Carolina and takes great pleasure in saluting the university for achieving this prestigious ranking. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the University of South Carolina for being ranked the Number One university on the “2022 Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges” Military Times list.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the director of the University of South Carolina’s Veterans and Military Center of Excellence.

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