**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO DIRECT THE CITADEL TO REMOVE THE CONFEDERATE NAVAL JACK FROM ITS DISPLAY IN SUMMERALL CHAPEL.

Whereas, Act 292 of 2000, commonly referred to as the Heritage Act, regulated which flags may be flown atop the Statehouse and on the Statehouse grounds; prohibited the removal or alteration of monuments and memorials to certain named wars and armed conflicts; and prohibited the renaming and rededication of roads, bridges, buildings, parks, and other public places that were named after historic figures or events; and

Whereas, the Confederate Naval Jack, gifted to The Citadel in 1939, is displayed with fifty-six other flags in the Summerall Chapel on The Citadel’s campus; and

Whereas, on June 23, 2015, The Citadel’s Board of Visitors voted to remove the Confederate Naval Jack from Summerall Chapel; and

Whereas, the Confederate Naval Jack has not been removed from the Summerall Chapel because of uncertainty about whether the provisions of the Heritage Act prohibit its removal; and

Whereas, it is time that the Confederate Naval Jack be removed from Summerall Chapel. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds and declares that the Confederate Naval Jack displayed in Summerall Chapel does not fall within the scope of the Heritage Act because the Naval Jack is a flag displayed in the chapel, not atop the Statehouse or on the Statehouse grounds; is not a monument or memorial to any of the wars identified in the Heritage Act; and is not public property named after a historic person or event.

SECTION 2. The Citadel is hereby directed to immediately remove the Confederate Naval Jack from its display in Summerall Chapel and is further directed to dispose of the Confederate Naval Jack in any manner as required by The Citadel’s Board of Visitors, provided that it is not displayed in any other place on The Citadel’s campus.

SECTION 3. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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