**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE AT THE 2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON SEPTEMBER 1-6, 2010.

Whereas, the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge will host their 2010 national convention in Columbia, S.C. on Labor Day weekend, September 1-6, 2010; and

Whereas, the Ardennes Offensive (December 16, 1944 - January 25, 1945) was a major German operation launched toward the end of World War II through the forested Ardennes Mountains region of Belgium, France, and Luxembourg; and

Whereas, the German offensive was officially named the Ardennes-Alsace campaign by the U.S. Army, but is known to the general public simply as the Battle of the Bulge; and

Whereas, with more than 800,000 men committed and over 19,000 killed, the Battle of the Bulge became the single bloodiest battle that American forces experienced in World War II; and

Whereas, Columbia is proud to host the 66th anniversary of this important battle and many of the veterans from across the country have not visited Columbia since they were in basic training at Camp Jackson in the early 1940’s; and

Whereas, Columbia has a rich history as a military town, being home to Ft. Jackson Army Basic Combat Training Center of Excellence and it continues to be one of the largest training facilities in the nation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, honor and celebrate the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge at the 2010 National Convention in Columbia, South Carolina, on September 1-6, 2010.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the South Carolina State Chapter of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge.

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