**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE COLONEL JAMES RONALD FINLEY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU UNITED STATES PROPERTY AND FISCAL OFFICER, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Colonel James Ronald Finley upon the occasion of his retirement as National Guard Bureau United States Property and Fiscal Officer (USPFO) for South Carolina in May of 2021; and

Whereas, Colonel Finley is an alumnus of Palmetto Military Academy; and

Whereas, Colonel Finley served in his role as USPFO from March 2016 to May 2021. During this period, his decisive leadership and professional effort set a pattern of consistently superior fiscal oversight during a time of leadership change and high operational tempo; and

Whereas, Colonel Finley demonstrated his leadership as one of the South Carolina National Guard’s top strategic leaders and critical thinkers. His excellent material management involved supervising the administration of supply and services and overseeing such operations as Critical Class II operations conducted at the Army Aviation Support Facility and at the 169th Group of McEntire Airfield with a zero-defect standard for each year of his tenure; and

Whereas, Colonel Finley’s leadership exceeded National Guard standards. His efforts in the arena of military compensation improved South Carolina Soldier and Airmen morale, and his working relationship with the Fort Jackson Ammunition Supply Point enabled safe state to store ammunition for contingency operations. He ensured troops and airmen received meals that met or exceeded nutritional requirements, and he worked with the South Carolina State Surgeon and personnel at Moncrief Army Community Medical Center to implement procedures for the procurement, dispensing, and disposal of pharmaceuticals with no loss of medicines during his entire tenure as USPFO; and

Whereas, Colonel Finley developed a strategic vision to transform the USPFO-SC into the most innovative, adaptive, cost-efficient, and healthy USPFO in the nation. His tireless work in these and other numerous capacities brought his vision to fruition; and

Whereas, Colonel Finley’s dedication to training, coaching, and mentoring his subordinates, as well as his team-building abilities, led to his becoming the Chief of Staff for South Carolina and to his commanding the South Carolina National Guard’s 218th Regional Training Site Regiment; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the passion and dedication that Colonel Finley has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Colonel James Ronald Finley upon the occasion of his retirement as National Guard Bureau United States Property and Fiscal Officer, commend him for his many years of dedicated service to the United States Army, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Colonel James Ronald Finley.

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