**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MASTER SERGEANT DAVID F. MILLS, JR., UNITED STATES ARMY, RETIRED, FOR TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF SACRIFICIAL AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND FOR HIS MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO OTHER VETERANS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in deliberations to honor those who have sacrificed so much in defense of our rich freedoms, such as Master Sergeant David F. Mills, Jr.; and

Whereas, Master Sergeant Mills spent two years in the United States Army Reserves before transferring to the Active Army for another twenty-one years; and

Whereas, he served combat tours in Panama and Iraq, and was on the first wave of both of those engagements. He served three tours in Germany and one tour in Korea, providing outstanding service in the 24th, 7th, and 101st Infantry divisions in many and varied positions; and

Whereas, his distinguished career was honored with numerous awards and decorations: The Bronze Star Medal, three Meritorious Service medals, nine Army Commendation medals, nine Army Achievement medals, seven Good Conduct medals, National Defense Service Medal with 2 Stars, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, NCO Ribbon with numeral 3, Army Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 4, Air Assault Badge, Army Meritorious Unit Citation, and Audie Murphy Club and Sergeant Morales Club membership; and

Whereas, every week Master Sergeant Mills visits veterans, making sure that elderly veterans are taken to their medical appointments and simply visiting lonely veterans to ensure that there needs are met; and

Whereas, Master Sergeant Mills is a twenty-year Paid Up for Life member of The American Legion Department of South Carolina and the Charter Commander of Pelion American Legion Post 101, and he is currently the American Legion District 20 Commander; and

Whereas, he is also the Adjutant for The Son’s of The American Legion Squadron 101 and Riders Director of Chapter 101 of American Legion Riders; and

Whereas, wounded in Iraq, Master Sergeant Mills is a Life Member of Disabled American Veterans of Batesburg/Leesville South Carolina Unit 51, and he serves as a presenter for the Quilts of Valor Foundation of South Carolina and as a liaison for the South Carolina Army National Guard and The Midlands Area Gold Star Families; and

Whereas, he also finds time to care for the needs of his community with devotion by serving meals to the homeless at the Salvation Army Transition Center and Inclement Weather Center and as a member of the Pelion Ruritan Club and Pelion Peanut Party Planning Committee; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is deeply grateful for the service and personal sacrifice of heroes like David Mills. He has served his nation, his State, his community, and his neighbors wherever he finds them with compassion. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Master Sergeant David F. Mills, Jr., United States Army, Retired, for twenty-three years of sacrificial and exemplary service to his country and for his meaningful contributions to his community and to other veterans.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Master Sergeant David F. Mills, Jr.

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