

RESOLUTION NO. 09-02-46

(To Congratulate and Honor the Riverfront Marines Detachment 1132.)

WHEREAS, Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interest of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, former Marines and to their widows and orphans, and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps; and,

WHEREAS, The Riverfront Marines Detachment 1132 is a non-profit military organization dedicated to helping those less fortunate in our community while helping to promote patriotism in and around the North Augusta area; and,

WHEREAS, The Riverfront Marines Detachment 1132 is part of a national organization of over seventy thousand former Marines that work tirelessly to help others in their local area; and,

WHEREAS, Detachment 1132, "The Riverfront Marines" was officially chartered on 3 April, 2003 with fifty-one charter members; and,

WHEREAS, Detachment 1132 volunteers many hours of service at the Charlie Norwood Veterans Administration Medical Center in Augusta providing programs and support to hospitalized veterans; and,

WHEREAS, Detachment 1132 provides an opportunity for citizens to properly dispose of worn American Flags collecting nearly 300 flags since the program began in October of 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Detachment 1132 is involved in a number of other activities which benefit various segments of the local community including:

- Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Program (VAVS) - wherein members of the Detachment donate time and provide activities in support of our veterans placing second nationally the past two years with a total of over 4500 hours of voluntary service.
- Toys for Tots - Many hours are spent each year during the fall in support of the Marine Corps Reserve in this annual event in order to provide needy children with toys at Christmas.
- Support of Abused and Neglected Children - The Riverfront Marines support abused and neglected children providing substantial donations to a home with over fifty children in residence.
- Scholarship Program - The Riverfront Marines awarded two \$1000.00 scholarships at the end of the 2008 school year to deserving NJROTC seniors with plans to increase this in 2009.

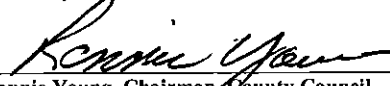
WHEREAS, The Riverfront Marine Detachment 1132 actively participates in numerous community activities and veteran's ceremonies throughout the North Augusta area every year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL THAT Aiken County Council does hereby congratulate and honor the Riverfront Marines Detachment 1132 for its many efforts on behalf of veterans and their families in our community.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Aiken County Council wishes to express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to the Riverfront Marines Detachment 1132 for its members' dedicated and honorable service to the United States of America.

Adopted at the regular meeting of Aiken County Council on February 17, 2009.

  
Chuck Smith, Councilman, District 4

  
Ronnie Young, Chairman, County Council