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House Resolution 465

By: Representatives Tankersley of the 160th, Parrish of the 158th, and Burns of the 159th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Georgia Southern University ROTC Program's 2013 Ranger Challenge
- 2 Team on their victory at the Regional Ranger Challenge competition and inviting them to be
- 3 recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Southern University ROTC Program's 2013 Ranger Challenge
- 5 Team emerged victorious from the Regional Ranger Challenge competition sponsored by the
- 6 6th ROTC Brigade, headquartered in Savannah, Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, it has been over 12 years since a Ranger Challenge team has brought a victory
- 8 to the State of Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the competition consisted of 38 teams representing universities from the states
- 10 of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida, and also Puerto Rico; and
- 11 WHEREAS, these Georgia Southern Cadets have worked hard since last September under
- 12 the capable tutelage of Master Sergeant Timothy Parks and Sergeant First Class Eric Linn;
- 13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, they had rigorous conditioning routines, including five to ten mile runs, two
- 15 hour aquatic sessions which combined swimming and aerobic activities, strength training,
- and routines that refined their soldier skills, such as rifle marksmanship training, land
- 17 navigation, mountaineering, and grenade throwing; and
- 18 WHEREAS, this team will go on to represent Georgia and Georgia Southern University at
- 19 the annual International Sandhurst Competition hosted by the United States Military
- 20 Academy at West Point, competing against at least 56 other teams representing other ROTC
- 21 regions, United States service academies, and 12 international teams from countries
- 22 including Great Britain, Australia, Canada, Spain, Chile, and China.

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23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

- 24 the members of this body congratulate the Georgia Southern University ROTC Program's
- 25 2013 Ranger Challenge Team on their victory at the Regional Ranger Challenge competition
- 26 and extend to them best wishes as they compete in the International Sandhurst Competition
- 27 and invite them to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time
- 28 designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Southern
- 31 University ROTC Program's 2013 Ranger Challenge Team.