

Senate Resolution 826

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Orrock of the 36th, Payne of the 54th, Goodman of the 8th, Bearden of the 30th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Our Community Salutes and the high school enlistees committed
2 to military service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Our Community Salutes is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to
4 recognizing, honoring, and supporting high school seniors who have chosen to enlist in the
5 Armed Forces of the United States immediately following graduation; and

6 WHEREAS, Our Community Salutes was founded in 2009 by educator and former United
7 States Army officer Dr. Kenneth Hartman to provide enlistees and their parents with
8 guidance, information, resources, and meaningful community support during the transition
9 from civilian life to military service; and

10 WHEREAS, each year, thousands of high school seniors across the United States make the
11 honorable decision to enlist in the Armed Forces, including the United States Army, Navy,
12 Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Space Force, demonstrating courage, discipline,
13 and an unwavering commitment to duty; and

14 WHEREAS, Our Community Salutes serves enlistees by providing recognition and resources
15 that assist in their successful transition into military service, ensuring they are celebrated and
16 supported by their communities; and

17 WHEREAS, Our Community Salutes also serves parents, guardians, and families by offering
18 information, connection, and encouragement as they support their sons and daughters during
19 this important life transition; and

20 WHEREAS, through Enlistee Recognition Ceremonies held each spring in communities
21 across the nation, Our Community Salutes brings together families, educators, civic leaders,
22 veterans, and citizens to publicly honor the selfless decision of these young adults and to
23 establish strong networks of support for our nation's newest service members; and

24 WHEREAS, the impact of these ceremonies extends beyond a single day of recognition by
25 fostering pride, unity, patriotism, and a lasting commitment to support those who answer the
26 call to serve.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend and recognize Our Community Salutes for its outstanding service in honoring high
29 school enlistees and supporting their families and communities.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Our Community
32 Salutes.