

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
COLUMBIA

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

After the cessation of hostilities of World War I a plaque was erected in the rotunda of the State House to commemorate the South Carolinians who distinguished themselves and their native state by winning the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In World War II South Carolina produced five recipients of this medal which is the highest award that the military service and a grateful nation can bestow upon its fighting men.

This high honor is only awarded to a person who in actual conflict with the enemy has distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

I recommend that the General Assembly take the necessary action to have a plaque erected in the State House, with appropriate ceremonies, honoring the distinguished and courageous South Carolinians who were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor

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