

Proud to serve those who have served our country!

With Great Honor

Did you know....

Veterans are more likely to be homeless than regular citizens? Female veterans are twice more likely to become homeless than their male counterparts? 41% of the nation's veterans and active military are unaware of all the education, employment, and VA benefits available to them?

The Goal of "With Great Honor"

To promote the education, employment, and wellness of our nation's military families, we propose a national day of celebration to recognize our active military members.

Executive Summary

"With Great Honor" is a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization whose objective is providing the emotional support the troops need by raising money through the USO, focus on three key issues facing military families – education, employment and wellness and raise awareness for the Nation's Veterans

The mission of "With Great Honor" in support of Team USO, is to support the morale, welfare, social and entertainment needs of the Nation's active member military and their families.

With the support of The Mentoring and Leadership Development Institute, the Business Coaching Institute, Glenn L. Williams LLC, Operation GO- Redemption World Outreach Center, VAMortgageCenter.com, Leonard Pitts, and John Fuller Group Inc., "With Great Honor" will focus on three key issues facing military families – education, employment and wellness. With Great Honor will also raise awareness for the nation's 23 million veterans in such matters as home ownership and surviving spouse benefits. With Great Honor is also committed in joining the President's fight to end chronic homelessness of American veterans and others.

Bios of Partners

GLENN WILLIAMS

With a heart for helping people fulfill their life purpose, Glenn Williams is considered a change agent and true business leader. Mr. Williams serves as a business coach, mentor, speaker, author, and motivator. Glenn brings wisdom, knowledge, and an exuberant attitude that all give people the motivation to run their race and positively impact the world. Glenn Williams is the founder and president of Glenn L. Williams, LLC and ECBE Academy, an entrepreneurial center for business excellence.

CURTIS INGRAM

Curtis Ingram is the executive director of The Mentoring and Leadership Development Institute ("TMLDI"), an organization dedicated to helping boys ages 7 through 12 who come from households headed by single mothers. TMLDI seeks to develop these pre-teens into confident, productive, young men committed to developing their own God-given talents and dreams. This organization does this by connecting each young boy with at least one certified mentor. TMLDI also helps boys develop leadership skills first through the examples set by the mentors and by educating each boy on the principles of leadership. To ensure success, the Institute requires 100% parental or guardian participation and support from each boy's family. The mentor is not there to act as a replacement for the biological father but to ensure his protégé is being guided in the correct direction.

BERNELL KING INGRAM

Bernell King Ingram is executive director of the Business Coaching Institute, a microenterprise development organization providing business coaching, consulting, and training to entrepreneurs. Business Coaching Institute is a technical assistance resource partner of the Appalachian Development Corporation's Micro Loan Program. Ingram is an entrepreneur, professional coach, consultant, and trainer for small businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and economic development agencies. Ingram specializes in business development, strategic planning, program development, micro finance, and process improvement.

PASTOR HASKER HUDGENS

Evangelist Hasker serves as Director of Evangelism for "Operation GO!" Ministries, committed to impacting the inner-cities of Upstate SC. After coming to Redemption World Outreach Center in 1997, he and Ron Carpenter, Jr. shared a vision for this unique outreach ministry that has continued to be a model for urban transformation nationwide.

A licensed and ordained Minister through Redemption Ministerial Fellowship International, Evangelist Hasker is a graduate of Southside High School where he excelled as an all around athlete. After high school, he spent several years ministering on the same streets that Operation GO! Ministries impacts on a daily basis.

With a Bachelor of Divinity degree in practical theology from Destiny Bible College in Greenville, South Carolina, he is also a ministry affiliate of Without Walls International Church in Tampa, Florida. He travels internationally, speaking and training others on effective outreach ministry in religious and secular organizations. In addition to the United States, he has ministered in South Africa, Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Mexico, the Fiji Island, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

JOHN FULLER

John Fuller is the author of <u>The Official Homebuyers' Guide</u>, available in both national and local book stores. John is also the founder of the JFG, Inc., an information/education-based company serving hard-working people who dream of home ownership. An advocate of financial literacy, John promotes home ownership and offers his services to help people understand the housing industry. Mr. Fuller teaches practical applications and techniques to transform consumers into informed, well prepared buyers.

LEONARD PITTS

Leonard Pitts, an entrepreneur and philanthropist, has been involved in the real estate and financial industries for over 20 years. He has a passion for helping and serving others. In the past Leonard has been a volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club of the Upstate. He served as president for the parent advisory board for the Club's Chapman Elementary division. Leonard also served as an usher for 4 years at his church, Redemption World Outreach Center. He is currently a licensed Realtor in the state of South Carolina and a qualified service provider for the South Carolina Department of Education. Some of Mr. Pitts's accomplishments include teamteaching financial literacy at the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities and helping Upstate families repair their credit and qualify for home loans. We the undersigned do attest and reaffirm our support to the volunteer work of those giving their time, talents, and resources to Team USO's "With Great Honor" campaign:

Congressman Tim Scott, 1st S.C. Congressional District

Congressman Joe Wilson, 2nd S.C. Congressional District

Congressman Jeff Duncan, 3rd S.C. Congressional District

Congressman Trey Gowdy, 4th S.C. Congressional District

Congressman Mick Mulvaney, 5th S.C. Congressional District

Assistant Democratic Leader Jim Clyburn, 6th S.C. Congressional District

U.S Senator Jim DeMint, S.C

U.S Senator Lindsey O. Graham, S.C

Dr. Jill Biden

First Lady Michelle R. Obama

President Barack H. Obama, President of the United States of America

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Resolution No.: 2011-15

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCILS SUPPORT OF THE UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATION ("USO")

WHEREAS, through the seventy-year old United Service Organizations ("USO"), the mission of "with great honor" is to support the morale, welfare, social and entertainment needs of troops and their families and raise awareness for our country's 23 million veterans in such matters as education, home ownership, physical rehabilitation, prosthetic aids, mental health and surviving spouse benefits; and,

WHEREAS, for more than two hundred years, individuals from all walks of life have taken up arms and sworn an oath to support and defend the principles upon which our country was founded; and,

WHEREAS, the unwavering commitment of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsman have preserved our freedoms and saved millions around the world from tyranny; and,

WHEREAS, throughout our history, courageous men and women who have worn the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our Nation; and,

WHEREAS, we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who served, were wounded or even died in battle; and,

WHEREAS, we continue to draw inspiration from the heroism and dedication of those who currently serve and sacrifice for the cause of liberty and justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in Council duly assembled that the Abbeville County Council supports the Untied Service Organization for their aid to our American patriots and current active duty military who have answered the call of duty, preserving our freedoms and often making the ultimate sacrifice.

Done this 9th day of May, 2011

Abbeville County Council

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Robert B. McClain, Chairman

Attest:

Sopolosky, Clerk to Council

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL Anderson, South Carolina

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THROUGH THE SEVENTY-YEAR-OLD UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (USO"), THE MISSION OF "WITH GREAT HONOR" IS TO SUPPORT THE MORALE, WELFARE, SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT NEEDS OF TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND RAISE AWARENESS FOR OUR COUNTRY'S 23 MILLION VETERANS IN SUCH MATTERS AS EDUCATION, HOME OWNERSHIP, PHYSICAL REHABILITATION, PROSTHETICAIDS, MENTAL HEALTH AND SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFITS.

WHEREAS, for more than two hundred years, individuals from all walks of life have taken up arms and sworn an oath to support and defend the principles upon which our country was founded. The unwavering commitment of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coastguardsmen has preserved our freedoms and saved millions around the world from tyranny; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, courageous men and women have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our: Nation. We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who serve, were wounded, or even died in battle. We continue to draw inspiration from the heroism and dedication' of those who currently serve and sacrifice for the cause of liberty and justice; and

WHEREAS, Anderson County is home to approximately 17,115 proud veterans, and more 400,000 veterans live in the great state of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that all Anderson County citizens honor America's active military including South Carolina's four hundred nine thousand living veterans, through whose service and sacrifice we today enjoy freedom and liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, "WITH GREAT HONOR" Day has been set aside as a day to honor the more than fifty million American patriots and current active duty military who have answered the call of duty, preserving our freedoms and often making the ultimate sacrifice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anderson County Council does hereby recognize the First of each June in perpetuity as "With Great Honor" Day and encourage citizens to participate in local activities for that day honoring the men and women who stand watch over America.

Proclaimed this /7"day of May 2011.

Attest:

Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

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Tommy Dunn, Chairman

CHEROKEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Gaffney, South Carolina



THROUGH THE SEVENTY-YEAR-OLD UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS ("USO"), THE MISSION OF "WITH GREAT HONOR" IS TO SUPPORT THE MORALE, WELFARE, SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT NEEDS OF TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND RAISE AWARENESS FOR OUR COUNTRY'S 23 MILLION VETERANS IN SUCH MATTERS AS EDUCATION, HOME OWNERSHIP, PHYSICAL REHABILITATION, PROSTHETIC AIDS, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SURVINING SPOUSE BENEFITS.

WHEREAS, for more than two hundred years, individuals from all walks of life have taken up arms and sworn an oath to support and defend the principles upon which our country was founded. The unwavering commitment of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen has preserved our freedoms and saved millions around the world from tyranny; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, courageous men and women have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our Nation. We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who serve, were wounded, or even died in battle. We continue to draw inspiration from the heroism and dedication of those who currently serve and sacrifice for the cause of liberty and justice; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that all Cherokee County citizens honor America's active military including South Carolina's four hundred nine thousand living veterans, through whose service and sacrifice we today enjoy freedom and liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, "WITH GREAT HONOR" Day has been set aside as a day to honor the more than fifty million American patriots and current active duty military who have answered the call of duty, preserving our freedoms and often making the ultimate sacrifice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cherokee County Council does hereby recognize the First of each June in perpetuity as *"With Great Honor"* Day and encourage citizens to participate in local activities for that day honoring the men and women who stand watch over America.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

TIM SPENCER, CHAIRMAN

APRIL 1, 2011 DATE



CITY OF CLINTON STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TEAM USO "WITH GREAT HONOR" CHARITY WALK TO WASHINGTON DC

- WHEREAS, Since 1941 the United Service Organizations ("USO"), Mission of "With Great Honor" has been to support the morale, welfare, and social needs of America's troops and their families and raise awareness for our country's 23 million veterans and families in such matters as education, home ownership, physical rehabilitation, mental health, and surviving spouse benefits.
- WHEREAS, the United Service Organizations ("USO") has touched the lives of our troops through an extensive range of programs at more than 150 centers in 27 countries and at hundreds of entertainment events.
- WHEREAS, for more than two hundred years, courageous men and women from all walks of life have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our Nation, the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS, Americans have felt profound appreciation for the dedication and sacrifice of our troops and their families. We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who serve, were wounded, or even died in battle; and
- WHEREAS, the unwavering commitment of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen has preserved our freedoms and saved millions around the world from tyranny; and
- **WHEREAS**, we continue to draw inspiration from the heroism and dedication of those who currently serve and sacrifice for the cause of liberty and justice; and
- **WHEREAS,** it is fitting that all Americans honor our active military including South Carolina's four hundred nine thousand living veterans, through whose service and sacrifice we today enjoy freedom and liberty.

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON ASSEMBLED does proclaim "With Great Honor" Day in the City of Clinton, South Carolina to honor the more than fifty million American patriots and active duty military who have answered the call of duty, preserving our freedom and often making the ultimate sacrifice and does hereby support the Team USO "With Great Honor" Charity Walk to Washington, DC.

Resolved this the 2^{nd} day of <u>May</u>, 2011.

Randy Randall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Templeton, City Clerk





Proclamation

On a motion from Chairman **Butch Kirven** Members of Greenville County Council wish to recognize and support the

TEAM USO "WITH GREAT HONOR" CHARITY WALK

WHEREAS, the mission of the USO's "**With Great Honor**" is to support the morale, welfare, social and entertainment needs of troops and their families and raise awareness for our country's 23 million veterans in such matters as education, home ownership, physical rehabilitation, prosthetic aids, mental health, and surviving spouse benefits; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, courageous men and women have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Greenville County is home to approximately 34,000 proud veterans, and more 400,000 veterans live in the great state of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who serve, were wounded, or even died in battle; and

WHEREAS, we continue to draw inspiration from the heroism and dedication of those who currently serve and sacrifice for the cause of liberty and justice; and

WHEREAS, Upstate resident Leonard Pitts is bringing needed attention this great cause by embarking on a fund raising walk that will take him from the South Carolina to Washington D.C.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Greenville County Council proudly supports the efforts of Mr. Pitts and the USO and encourages all citizens to honor those who bravely answered the call of duty to preserve our freedoms.

Signed on this the 5th day 9f April, 2011

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Herman G. "Butch" Kirven, Chairman Greenville County Council STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LAURENS

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING "WITH GREAT HONOR DAY"

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WHEREAS, Throughout the seventy (70) year old United Service Organizations ("USO), the mission of "With Great Honor" is to support the morale, welfare, social and entertainment need of troops and their families and to raise awareness for our Country's Veterans in matters such as education, home ownership, physical rehabilitation, prosthetic aids, mental health and surviving spouse benefits, and;

WHEREAS, for more than two hundred (200) years, individuals from all walks of life have taken up arms and sworn an oath to support and defend the principles upon which our country was founded, and;

WHEREAS, throughout our history, courageous men and women have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our Nations, and;

WHEREAS, we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who service, were wounded or even died in battle, and;

WHEREAS, the unwavering commitment of our men and women in uniform have preserved our freedoms and saved millions around the world from tyranny, and;

WHEREAS, we continue to draw inspiration from the heroism and dedication of those who currently serve and sacrifice for the cause of liberty and justice, and;

WHEREAS, it is fitting that all South Carolinians honor America's active military including South Carolina's living veterans, through whose service and sacrifice we today enjoy freedom and liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, "With Great Honor" Day has been set aside as a day to honor the American Patriots and current active duty military who have answered the call of duty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Laurens County Council encourages citizens to particapte in local "With Great Honor" Day activities honoring the men and women who stand watch over America.

DONE this 22 day of March 2011.

ATTEST:

Ernest B. Segars, Administrator Laurens County Council Laurens County, South Carolina

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Betty C. Walsh, Clerk Laurens County Council Laurens County, South Carolina

A. Sandy Cruickshanks, County Attorney Laurens County Council Laurens County, South Carolina

LAURENS COUNTY COUNCI

James A. Coleman, Chairman

Edward A. McDaniel, Vice Chairman

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Diane B. Anderson, Council Member

Ted G. Nash, Council Member

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David A. Pitts, Council Member,

Joseph E. Wood, Jr. Council Member





No. R-11-11



A RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF TEAM USO "WITH GREAT HONOR" CHARITY WALK MISSION AND RECOGNIZING LEONARD PITTS WITH TEAM USO FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2011, in support of TEAM USO, Leonard Pitts, will begin his 500 mile charity walk from Clinton, South Carolina to conclude on July 4, 2011, at the White House. His challenge is to raise \$500,000 to help the USO and its mission to support our troops and their families. The mission of "WITH GREAT HONOR" is to raise awareness for our country's 23 million veterans in such matters as education, home ownership, physical rehabilitation, prosthetic aids, mental health, and surviving spouse benefits. There are approximately 22,382 veterans in Spartanburg County and we should constantly honor those courageous men and women who have served and sacrificed for the common good to bring freedom to our nation and unity that we enjoy today. We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who serve, were wounded, or even died in battle. It is our duty to honor America's active military including South Carolina's four hundred nine thousand living veterans by supporting United Service Organizations mission of "WITH GREAT HONOR" Charity Walk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Spartanburg County Council does hereby support Team USO "WITH GREAT HONOR" Charity Walk and recognizes Leonard Pitts for his commitment which have bestowed great pride and honor upon Spartanburg County and its citizens, and further encourages all citizens of Spartanburg County to participate in "WITH GREAT HONOR" Charity Walk activities honoring the men and women who protect and defend America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be presented to Leonard Pitts, Team USO, in recognition and appreciation of such services, and wishes him a safe and successful journey, and be made a part of the minutes of the Spartanburg County Council.

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D. Glenn Breed County Administrator

By:

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

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Chairman





PROCLAMATION

THROUGH THE SEVENTY-YEAR-OLD UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (USO), THE MISSION OF "*WITH GREAT HONOR*" IS TO SUPPORT THE MORALE, WELFARE, SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT NEEDS OF TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND RAISE AWARENESS FOR OUR COUNTRY'S 23 MILLION VETERANS IN SUCH MATTERS AS EDUCATION, HOME OWNERSHIP, PHYSICAL REHABILITATION, PROSTHETICAIDS, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFITS.

WHEREAS, for more than two hundred years, individuals from all walks of life have taken up arms and sworn an oath to support and defend the principles upon which our country was founded. The unwavering commitment of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coastguardsmen has preserved our freedoms and saved millions around the world from tyranny; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, courageous men and women have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our Nation. We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who serve, were wounded, or even died in battle. We continue to draw inspiration from the heroism and dedication of those who currently serve and sacrifice for the cause of liberty and justice; and

WHEREAS, Union County is home to approximately 2,021 proud veterans, and more 400,000 veterans live in the great State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that all Union County citizens honor America's active military including South Carolina's four hundred nine thousand living veterans, through whose service and sacrifice we today enjoy freedom and liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, "WITH GREAT HONOR" DAY has been set aside as a day to honor the more than fifty million American patriots and current active duty military who have answered the call of duty, preserving our freedoms and often making the ultimate sacrifice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union County Council does hereby recognize the First of each June in perpetuity as "*WITH GREAT HONOR*" DAY and encourage citizens to participate in local activities for that day honoring the men and women who stand watch over America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herewith set my hand and caused the Seal of Union County, South Carolina to be affixed this 5th day of May, 2011.

(SEAL)

Thomas L. Sinclair, County Supervisor

Attest

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Resolution

Through the Seventy-Year-Old United Service Organization (USO"), The mission of "With Great Honor" in support of Team USO, is to support the moral, welfare, social and entertainment needs of the Nation's active military and their families. "With Great Honor" will focus on three key issues facing military families – education, employment and wellness. "With Great Honor" will also raise awareness for the nation's 23 million veterans in such matters as home ownership and surviving spouse benefits. With Great Honor is also committed in joining the President's fight to end chronic homelessness of American veterans and others.

WHEREAS, for more than two hundred years, individuals from all walks of life have taken up arms and sworn an oath to support and defend the principles upon which our country was founded. The unwavering commitment of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coastguardsmen has preserved our freedoms and saved millions around the world from tyranny; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, courageous men and women have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our: Nation. We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who serve, were wounded, or even died in battle. We continue to draw inspiration from the heroism and dedication' of those who currently serve and sacrifice for the cause of liberty and justice; and

WHEREAS, The United States is home to more than two million active men and women in uniform who proudly protect and serve our country

WHEREAS, it is fitting that all United States citizens honor America's active military through whose service and sacrifice we today enjoy freedom and liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, "WITH GREAT HONOR" Day has been set aside as a day to honor the more than two million current active duty military who have answered the call of duty, preserving our freedoms and often making the ultimate sacrifice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that These United States of America does hereby recognize the First of each June in perpetuity as "With Great Honor" Day and encourage citizens to participate in local activities for that day honoring the men and women who stand watch over America.