WHEREAS, Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) programs in schools across our state and nation provide an elective course of study that promotes self-confidence, teamwork, leadership, motivation, and self-discipline; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by the four branches of the armed forces, the JROTC curricula in high schools can lead to an improved educational experience for students while helping prepare them for future success; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Drill Championship helps build rapport between all Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, bringing together approximately 1200 cadets to showcase outstanding units representing an estimated fifty high schools from five states; and

WHEREAS, in addition to strengthening community relations with all service branches, the 2007 Southeastern Drill Championship helps promote patriotism and support for our troops.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 24, 2007, as JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS DAY throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many positive benefits JROTC programs provide for our students.