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The military in South Carolina has a long and strong tradition dating back to Colonial days. Our citizens have a proud history of serving in our nation's conflicts ever since.

This same patriotism has produced a partnership between our citizens and our military bases that has become an integral part of our lives and the State's economy. The term "military friendly state" might just as well have been coined about this synergistic relationship that has endured and strengthened over time.

The mission of the South Carolina Military Base Task Force ("Task Force") is to enhance the value of the military installations and facilities and the quality of life for military personnel and their families located in South Carolina.

This mission shall be accomplished by assisting the military communities with such value enhancement, addressing the various incentives to military personnel and their families assigned in South Carolina, coordinating the efforts of the military communities, and providing for other methods and incentives to accomplish that purpose. The Task Force shall also coordinate efforts between the public and private sectors to maintain a significant United States Department of Defense presence in South Carolina.

Additionally, the Task Force shall advise the Governor and the General Assembly on any issues and strategies related to military base closure, realignment, mission changes or reductions in force.

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William L. Bethea, Jr.
Chairman