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**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF RETIRED RIDGELAND POLICE CHIEF HARRY D. DIBIASE, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were saddened to learn of the death of retired Ridgeland Police Chief Harry D. DiBiase at the age of sixty‑nine on June 15, 2011; and

Whereas, born in Vineland, New Jersey, on November 28, 1941, he was the son of Lorrene June Marc Aurele and the late Harry DiBiase; and

Whereas, from 1960 to 1989, Chief DiBiase served in the United States Marine Corps during which time he served three tours of duty in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart. He retired at the rank of master gunnery sergeant on Parris Island, where he was provost sergeant; and

Whereas, he served as the non‑commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) at the American Embassy in East Berlin, Germany, from 1977 to 1979 and as personal security for President Ronald Reagan from 1981 to 1982 while attached to the Secret Service and stationed at Quantico, Virginia; and

Whereas, for his outstanding service to his country, he was awarded The Presidential Unit Citation, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Gallantry Cross Color with Palm, the Vietnam Service Medal with three stars, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Chief DiBiase from 1989 to 1997, the Ridgeland Police Department experienced updated improvements to everything from uniforms to cars, and Chief DiBiase conscientiously secured the best equipment for his officers, including bullet‑proof vests and Mustangs to patrol Interstate 95; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Grace Isabella DiBiase, he reared three fine children: Michael Douglas DiBiase, Harry Daniel DiBiase, and Lorrene June DiBiase, who have blessed them with six adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, he was a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Port Royal Masonic Lodge #242, AmVets of Port Royal, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Parris Island Rod and Gun Club, and St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Ridgeland; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the exceptional and dedicated service that retired Ridgeland Police Chief Harry D. DiBiase gave to protect citizens of our State and our nation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of retired Ridgeland Police Chief Harry D. DiBiase, and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Grace Isabella DiBiase.

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