**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE IN THE LINE OF DUTY BY MASTER PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER EDWARD SCOTT RICHARDSON, AND TO EXPRESS TO HIS FAMILY THE PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF A GRATEFUL STATE FOR HIS LIFE, SACRIFICE, AND SERVICE.

Whereas, with deep appreciation, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly honor, on behalf of all South Carolinians, the great sacrifice that the men and women of the South Carolina Law Enforcement make for the safety and protection so richly enjoyed in this State; and

Whereas, born in Augusta, Georgia, Edward Scott Richardson was the son of Richard K. and Patsy Randall Richardson, grew up in Aiken, and graduated from South Aiken High School; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Amelyn Sorell Richardson, this proud father of three sons, Zander, Chase, and Maddox, graduated from the University of South Carolina Aiken; and

Whereas, from 1999, he served with the Aiken Department of Public Safety and became a public-safety officer on February 14, 2005; and

Whereas, on December 21, 2011, at the age of thirty‑three, Master Public Safety Officer Edward Scott Richardson died from injuries sustained when he was shot during a traffic stop in the City of Aiken; and

Whereas, there is no greater or braver sacrifice for a man to make than to lay down his life; therefore, Master Public Safety Officer Edward Scott Richardson’s life of valor will not be forgotten by the grateful citizens of Aiken County; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is honored to remember the life and sacrifice of one of the brave sons and heroes of the Palmetto State, Master Public Safety Officer Edward Scott Richardson. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly honor and remember the supreme sacrifice made in the line of duty by Master Public Safety Officer Edward Scott Richardson, and express to his family the profound appreciation of a grateful State for his life, sacrifice, and service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Master Public Safety Officer Edward Scott Richardson.

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