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**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO AWARD THE SOUTH CAROLINA MEDAL OF VALOR TO THOSE SOUTH CAROLINIANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.

Whereas, men and women throughout South Carolina have placed themselves in harm’s way to protect and secure our country’s freedom and way of life; and

Whereas, to recognize the extraordinary heroism and sacrifice of the brave men and women who pay the ultimate price in service of our Nation and our great State, the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina established the Medal of Valor which is awarded on behalf of the people of the State of South Carolina and is presented to the families of fallen South Carolina service members; and

Whereas, since 2002, the following South Carolina service men and women have lost their lives during the Global War on Terrorism:

PVT Algernon Adams

PVT Michael S. Adams

SRA Nicholas J. Alden

A1C Carl L. Anderson, Jr.

SGT Aaron M. Arthur

PFC Barrett L. Austin

SPC Katrina L. Bell-Johnson

SFC Alvin A. Boatwright

SSGT Andrew S. Bubacz

SGT George Edward Buggs

SSGT James D. Bullard

SPC Thomas D. Caughman

CPT Michael P. Cassidy

CPT Richard G. Cliff, Jr.

SSGT Jay T. Collado

SGT James E. Craig

LCPL William H. Crouse, IV

CWO Jason G. DeFrenn

SGT Andrew J. Derrick

CPL Matthew V. Dillon

SSGT Thomas J. Dudley

SGT Shawn M. Dunkin

SGT Lashawn D. Evans

SPC Rian C. Ferguson

2LT Almar L. Fitzgerald

LCPL Christopher S. Fowlkes

LCPL Travis A. Fox

SSGT Raphael “Ralph” A. Futrell

SGT Donald D. Furman

2LT Clifford V. “CC” Gadsden

LCPL Jonathan E. Gadsden

PFC Satieon V. B. Greenlee

SSGT Patrick Lee Griffin, Jr.

CPT Kimberly Hampton

SSGT Willie J. Harley, Jr.

SGT Edward R. Heselton

SGT Channing B. Hicks

SSGT Jason Hicks

SGT Stephen C. High

SPC Seth A. Hildreth

SGT Shawn F. Hill

PFC Melissa J. Hobart

PVT Nolan R. Hutchings

SFC John H. Jarrell

SPC Darius T. Jennings

PFC Kalin C. L. Johnson

SGT Anthony G. Jones

CWO Patrick D. Leach

SGT Michael R. Lehmiller

SGT David L. Leimbach

SSGT Jerome Lemon

SGT Adrian J. Lewis

LCPL David P. Lindsey

PFC Vorn J. Mack

MSG Danny E. Maybin

SGT John David Meador, II

CPT Daniel G. McCollum

PFC Spence A. McNeil

SPC Jason L. Moski

MAJ Edward J. Murphy

SSGT Paul M. Neff, II

SSGT Tony B. Olaes

SPC Anthony C. Owens

GYSGT Ralph Earl Pate, Jr.

SSGT Esau Patterson, Jr.

SGT John P. Phillips

SSG Ronald Phillips, Jr.

SGT Edward O. Philpot

PFC Cheziray Pressley

SGT Luther W. Rabon, Jr.

1LT Ryan Davis Rawl

CW5 Curtis S. Reagan

PFC Adam C. Ross

PFC Joey T. Sams, II

1LT Andrew C. Shields

SPC Orenthial J. Smith

SGT MAJ Michael B. Stack

SPC Chrystal G. Stout

SSG Matthew J. Taylor

SSGT Steven M. Theobald

MSG Thomas Thigpen

SFC Matthew Bradford Thomas

SGT Anthony O. Thompson

SPC Douglas L. “Logan” Tinsley

LCPL Joshua L. Torrence

SPC Demetrius L. Void

SSGT Terry D. Wagoner

SPC Zandra T. Walker

CPL David G. Weimortz

SPC Abraham S. Wheeler, III

PFC Anthony J. White

PFC Justin M. Whitmire

PFC Geoffrey A. Whitsitt

SGT Dustin Allan Yancey

PFC Rodricka A. Youmans

Whereas, may we never forget these service men and women and always remain vigilantly grateful for their sacrifice. In honor of these brave men and women, it is just and proper for the members of the South Carolina General Assembly to award these South Carolinians with the South Carolina Medal of Valor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, award the South Carolina Medal of Valor to these South Carolinians who gladly gave all in defense of our Nation and great State while serving in the armed forces during the Global War on Terrorism.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the families of the fallen service men and women honored by this resolution.

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