**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE IN THE LINE OF DUTY BY MASTER CORPORAL SANDRA ELIZABETH “SANDY” ROGERS, AND TO EXPRESS TO HER FAMILY THE PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF A GRATEFUL STATE FOR HER 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, a life-long Aiken resident, Sandy Rogers was the daughter of Clarence Jack Rogers and the late Dr. Mary Ann Sprawls Rogers and the granddaughter of the late City of Aiken Chief of Police, James M. Sprawls; and

Whereas, a long-time member of St. John’s United Methodist Church, she graduated from Aiken Technical College and grew up close to the community where she died; and

Whereas, Master Corporal Rogers began serving with the City of Aiken Department of Public Safety in 1984, and she was a Field Training Officer and Speed Measuring Device Instructor; and

Whereas, a member of both the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association and the South Carolina Firemen’s Association, she received the Distinguished Service Award and the Lifesaving Award in 2003 and the Certificate of Commendation in 2011; and

Whereas, concerned for wayward youth, she helped start the Book Bag Program for Helping Hands and was a mentor to many troubled individuals; and

Whereas, on January 28, 2012, at the age of forty‑eight, Master Corporal Sandra Elizabeth “Sandy” Rogers died from injuries sustained when she was shot after responding to a suspicious activity call in the Eustis Park neighborhood in the City of Aiken; and

Whereas, the first female law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty in the State, Master Corporal Rogers had been an officer with the Aiken Department of Public Safety for twenty‑eight years and was described affectionately as a “mother hen” to younger officers; and

Whereas, for the second time in as many months, more than one thousand police officers and hundreds of others gathered in the City of Aiken to remember a fellow officer tragically gunned down in the line of duty; and

Whereas, there is no greater or braver sacrifice that can be made than to lay down one’s life in the service of others; Master Corporal Rogers’s life of valor will not be forgotten by the grateful citizens of Aiken County and this State; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly proudly honors the life and sacrifice of one of the brave daughters and heroes of the Palmetto State, Master Corporal Sandra Elizabeth “Sandy” Rogers. 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 Corporal Sandra Elizabeth “Sandy” Rogers, and express to her family the profound appreciation of a grateful State for her life, sacrifice, and service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Master Corporal Sandra Elizabeth “Sandy” Rogers.

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