**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE BY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DAVID A. JEFFERSON OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHILE HE WAS SERVING A TOUR OF MILITARY DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN, AND TO EXPRESS TO HIS FAMILY THE PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF A GRATEFUL STATE AND NATION 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 United States Armed Forces make for the ideals of liberty and justice so richly enjoyed in this nation; and

Whereas, the son of James M. Lyles of Columbia and the late Annette Lyles, David A. Jefferson entered the United States Army in July 2008 and arrived in February 2009 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

Whereas, he served as an Army combat medic assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

Whereas, his impressive military career earned him numerous awards, including the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Weapons Qualification: M4, expert; and

Whereas, on July 2, 2010, at the age of twenty‑three, Private First Class David A. Jefferson gave his life in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device from which he sustained fatal injuries; and

Whereas, he leaves behind his beloved wife, Darniece T. Melton‑Jefferson and a loving son, Ian, as well as his father and brother, William; and

Whereas, there is no greater or braver sacrifice for a man to make for his country than to lay down his life; therefore, for his valor Private First Class David A. Jefferson received the Palmetto Patriot Award given by former Lieutenant Governor André Bauer; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is honored to remember the life and sacrifice of one of our nation’s a brave sons and heroes, Private First Class David A. Jefferson. 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, honor and remember the supreme sacrifice made by Private First Class David A. Jefferson of the United States Army while he was serving a tour of military duty in Afghanistan, and express to his family the profound appreciation of a grateful State and nation for his life, sacrifice, and service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Private First Class David A. Jefferson.

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