**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SACRIFICE MADE BY LANCE CORPORAL KYLE CARPENTER OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, AND TO DECLARE JUNE 19, 2014 AS “LANCE CORPORAL KYLE CARPENTER DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate, on behalf of all South Carolinians, acknowledge with deep appreciation the great sacrifice that the men and women of the United States Armed Forces make for the ideals of freedom and justice, which are so richly enjoyed in this nation; and

Whereas, Lance Corporal Kyle Carpenter of the United States Marine Corps stands high among those servicemen and women so honored by their country; and

Whereas, as a committed serviceman, Lance Corporal Carpenter, the son of Jim and Robin Carpenter of Gilbert, answered the call of his country and left his family and home in Lexington County to serve in Afghanistan as a part of the war on terror; and

Whereas, on November 21, 2010, while serving in Afghanistan, Lance Corporal Carpenter took the full blast from an enemy hand grenade in seeking to save a fellow Marine. He suffered catastrophic wounds for the cause of freedom, losing the sight of his right eye and suffering other injuries that require extensive surgeries and rehabilitation; and

Whereas, he has shown himself worthy of the name Marine no less on the battlefield than in the valiant manner in which he has fought the fight toward recovery from his injuries; and

Whereas, there is no greater or more courageous sacrifice a man can make than to risk his life for a noble cause, as Lance Corporal Carpenter has done, and to honor his valor, Lance Corporal Carpenter was presented with the Purple Heart in December 2010; and

Whereas, Lance Corporal Carpenter will receive the Congressional Medal of Honor at a ceremony at the White House on June 19, 2014, making him one of eight living Congressional Medal of Honor award recipients, and the only one from South Carolina; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate take great pleasure in recognizing Lance Corporal Carpenter and find it fitting to name June 19, 2014 in his honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, honor and remember the sacrifice made by Lance Corporal Kyle Carpenter of the United States Marine Corps, and declare June 19, 2014 as “Lance Corporal Kyle Carpenter Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Lance Corporal Kyle Carpenter.

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