**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LIEUTENANT CHRIS BLEVINS OF THE YORK COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS’ ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Lieutenant Chris Blevins of the York County Sheriff’s Office was awarded the South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association Medal of Valor in January 2013 for courageously taking action that brought an end to a 2011 crime spree; and

Whereas, on September 14, 2011, York County Sheriff’s Office K‑9 officers were called to assist the York Police Department in tracking down a suspect responsible for two burglaries from businesses in York. During the search, the suspect fired a pistol at the K‑9 officers; and

Whereas, the suspect, a career criminal, was later found in an area on McClain Street in York, and Lieutenant Chris Blevins and York Lance Corporal Brian Kimble responded to the location. Despite several warnings to put his weapon down, the suspect started firing his pistol at both officers. The officers responded quickly and professionally; and

Whereas, during the hours‑long chase before the suspect’s death, many homes and a school in the vicinity had to be evacuated; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Medal of Valor was awarded to Lieutenant Blevins for prudently and honorably protecting himself and his fellow officer, as well as the immediate public, from danger. His undaunted response to the suspect’s hostility ended a serious crime spree and restored order to the community; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the courage and dedication of law enforcement officers like Lieutenant Chris Blevins who put their lives on the line every day and who provide safety and security to protect the citizens of our great State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Lieutenant Chris Blevins of the York County Sheriff’s Office and congratulate him for being awarded the South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association Medal of Valor.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Lieutenant Chris Blevins.

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