**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CORPORAL CHAD MULLINIX OF THE MYRTLE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE FORCE AND TO HIS SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED THE MYRTLE BEACH ROTARY CLUB 2012 OFFICER JOE MCGARRY MEMORIAL POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Corporal Chad Mullinix has been selected as the Myrtle Beach Rotary Club Officer Joe McGarry Memorial Police Officer of the Year for 2012; and

Whereas, as a child, he wanted to become a policeman with the Myrtle Beach Police Department, and upon graduation from the University of South Carolina, he was hired by the department in 2002; and

Whereas, during his eleven years with the Myrtle Beach Police Department, Corporal Mullinix has distinguished himself as a professional police officer and as an outstanding member of the community; and

Whereas, he completed the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy as a distinguished graduate and was assigned to Evening Shift Patrol and later transferred to Waterfront; and

Whereas, he earned certification as a bicycle officer from the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association and excelled in policing the community where he spent his childhood; and

Whereas, during this time, Corporal Mullinix refined his drug‑investigation skills, was chosen to be a part of the Street Crime Unit, transferred to the Narcotics Unit, and spent three years in the 15th Circuit Solicitor’s Drug Enforcement Unit; and

Whereas, as a member of this elite unit, he was responsible for numerous high profile drug investigations that led to the arrests and investigations of many drug traffickers and to the seizure of large quantities of drugs and large amounts of cash; and

Whereas, he was promoted to corporal and accepted an assignment to the Waterfront as a nighttime shift supervisor, and he has the additional responsibility of the department’s bicycle fleet; and

Whereas, deeply committed to his community, he teaches Sunday school to high school boys at the First United Methodist Church, serves as co‑chairman of the Shop with a Cop program to provide clothing and toys to children at Christmas, mentors high school boys, and assists as a volunteer at his daughter’s school; and

Whereas, he also is currently involved with fundraising efforts for the department’s fallen officer’s memorial and is a member of the Myrtle Beach Masonic Lodge #353; and

Whereas, in June 2011, Chad Mullinix traveled to Africa with his church in affiliation with Start With One‑Kenya, a clean‑water initiative for persons displaced as a result of political violence; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful to Corporal Chad Mullinix for his dedicated service in protecting the citizens of Horry County and the State of South Carolina, as well as visitors to our great State, and the members congratulate him on receiving this well‑deserved award. 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 Corporal Chad Mullinix of the Myrtle Beach Police Department for outstanding service to the force and to his surrounding community and congratulate him on being named the Myrtle Beach Rotary Club 2012 Officer Joe McGarry Memorial Police Officer of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Corporal Chad Mullinix.

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