**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD ARROYO OF THE MYRTLE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE 2014 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, with deep appreciation, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives honor, on behalf of all South Carolinians, the great sacrifice that South Carolina law enforcement officers make for the safety and well being of our citizens; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Private First Class Richard Arroyo of the Myrtle Beach Police Department has been named the 2014 Police Officer of the Year; and

Whereas, beginning his career with the Myrtle Beach Police Department on April 19, 2002, Officer Arroyo has served consistently with dedication and determination for the last twelve years; and

Whereas, currently, he is assigned to the Street Crimes Division as the warrant officer and to the United States Marshal’s Task Force which brings him in direct contact with the most violent criminals, and he has been a significant asset to the department’s Investigative Division; and

Whereas, the warrant module in the Myrtle Beach Police Department enjoys success because Officer Arroyo has spent countless hours verifying the accuracy of warrants, obtaining updated offender information, and completing the entry of the warrants into the software over the past few years; and

Whereas, not only is Officer Arroyo always the first to respond to calls that are happening, but he also has assisted many citizens with downed power lines and other hazardous situations during local ice storms early in 2014; and

Whereas, his success with locating and apprehending suspects has been essential to protecting law‑abiding citizens from drug dealers, murderers, kidnappers, armed robbers, and other dangerous offenders; and

Whereas, as a trained crisis negotiator with the Crisis Intervention Negotiation Team (CINT), he has responded to numerous negotiation situations without seeking the spotlight for himself, but with a sincere desire for successful outcomes for everyone involved; and

Whereas, as a teacher for the Citizens Police Academy, he enjoys interaction with the public, describing in detail how the CINT works and what it does and explaining the work that the Myrtle Beach Police Department carries out with U. S. Marshals; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the commitment that Private First Class Richard Arroyo has steadfastly embodied through the traits of an outstanding police officer: trustworthiness, honesty, courage, leadership, personal ethics, and respect for others. 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 Private First Class Richard Arroyo of the Myrtle Beach Police Department for his dedicated service and congratulate him upon being named the 2014 Police Officer of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Private First Class Richard Arroyo.

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