**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE DEATH OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BARRETT AUSTIN OF EASLEY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the Senate were deeply saddened upon learning of the death of a soldier who was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, Army Private First Class Barrett Austin of Easley, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Pfc. Barrett L. Austin, 20, died on April 21, 2013, in Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries sustained when his vehicle was attacked by an enemy improvised explosive device in Wardak Province, Afghanistan on April 17; and

Whereas, upon receiving the news of their son’s serious medical condition, his parents Yolanda and Curt Austin and his wife, Heather, immediately flew to Germany to be with him in his final hours; and

Whereas, Barrett was based at Fort Stewart in Georgia and was attached to the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division; and

Whereas, Dacusville and Pickens communities have lovingly showed their support of Barrett and his family with yellow ribbons and small American flags throughout the area; and

Whereas, Barrett grew up in Dacusville and graduated from Pickens High School and attended Dacusville middle and elementary schools; and

Whereas, he will always be remembered by his family, friends, and this Senate as a courageous soldier who gave his life for his country. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, express the profound sorrow of the members of the South Carolina Senate upon learning of the death of Private First Class Barrett Austin of Easley and extend their deepest sympathy to his loving family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Private First Class Barrett Austin.

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