**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE DEATH OF MR. KENNETH MICHAEL STANTON OF PENDLETON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Kenneth Michael Stanton, who was killed in the line of duty on Sunday, February 15, 2015, at the age of fifty‑two; and

Whereas, born in Buffalo, New York, on July 25, 1962, Mr. Stanton was the son of Patricia Ann and the late Michael Stanton, Sr. He married Sheryl Brown Stanton and they were blessed with two sons. Mr. Stanton attended La France First Baptist Church in Pendleton; and

Whereas, Mr. Stanton died doing what he loved‑‑serving his community. He had distinguished himself as a dedicated firefighter with the Sandy Springs Fire Department. In 2014, he was named “Firefighter of the Year” for the department. He also served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

Whereas, family and friends celebrated the life of Mr. Stanton at a service on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at the Civic Center of Anderson. Pastor Michael Neuse spoke at the service, as well as other members of the firefighting community. Mr. Stanton was laid to rest at MJ Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery; and

Whereas, Mr. Stanton leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Sheryl Brown Stanton; his mother; sons, Kenneth M. Stanton, Jr. and Keifer Robert Stanton; brothers, Joey Stanton, Sr., Charles Stanton, Jimmy Cunningham, and Bart Cunningham; sisters, Karen Wolff, Michelle Walsh, Robin Barber, Denise Mongiovi, and Jayne Stanton; and his mother‑in‑law Shirley Hix Brown. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the death of Mr. Kenneth Michael Stanton of Pendleton and extend their deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Mr. Kenneth Michael Stanton.

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