**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER FIRST CLASS JAMES CAMERON WELSH OF FLORENCE COUNTY, UPON BEING NAMED THE 2015 TROOPER OF THE YEAR FOR DUI ARRESTS, AND TO EXPRESS DEEP GRATITUDE FOR HIS MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HIS COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Trooper First Class James Cameron “Cam” Welsh of the South Carolina Highway Patrol has been recognized as the 2015 Trooper of the Year for DUI arrests; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety named him as the award’s recipient at its 11th Annual DUI Enforcement Recognition and 2015 Law Enforcement DUI Challenge Ceremonies, held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety hosts the annual event to recognize law enforcement officers and agencies for their efforts to enforce the state’s DUI laws and remove impaired drivers from South Carolina’s roadways. Trooper Cam Welsh made 119 DUI arrests in 2015; and

Whereas, only twenty-seven years old, he is an alumnus of East Clarendon High School and the University of South Carolina Sumter; and

Whereas, Trooper Cam Welsh graduated from the Criminal Justice Academy on May 9, 2014 and joined the South Carolina Highway Patrol the following month; and

Whereas, in preparation for their law enforcement work, he and his forty-three fellow graduates of Highway Patrol Basic Class 94 trained from January to May and, after graduating, continued on for specialized training in all areas of law enforcement, including DUI detection, traffic laws, collision investigation, and the use of firearms. The officers also underwent intensive field training; and

Whereas, Trooper Cam Welsh is assigned to the Highway Patrol’s Troop 1, Post A that covers Clarendon and Sumter counties; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for his outstanding work on behalf of the citizens of the Palmetto 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 South Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper First Class James Cameron Welsh of Florence County, upon being named the 2015 Trooper of the Year for DUI arrests, and express deep gratitude for his meritorious service to the citizens of his community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Trooper First Class James Cameron Welsh.

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