**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND AND HONOR DAVIS TRUSSEL FOR HIS HEROIC EFFORTS AND TO EXPRESS HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR HIS BRAVERY.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina deem it absolutely fitting to pause in their deliberations to honor Davis Trussel for his extraordinary efforts in aiding victims of a fire; and

Whereas, at 9:14 on the evening of April 12, 2018, Horry County Fire Rescue was dispatched by the Horry County Communications center to aid in the quenching of a structural fire at Windsor Green Apartments. Multiple emergency calls were received reporting a significant fire as well as possible victims trapped inside the building; and

Whereas, as emergency responders began the process of laddering the rear of the building to provide access to the victims and firefighters, the volume of the smoke and the burning of the structure forced several victims to jump from second‑ and third‑floor balconies; and

Whereas, while this was occurring, members from Rescue 2 began moving injured victims who had jumped to a safe area to be triaged and treated. Firefighter/EMT Davis Trussel of Rescue 2/C Shift was one of these members. Upon a return trip to the building, he located a victim in a second‑floor apartment. With help from Rescue 2 and Engine 4, a ladder was placed on the building and Davis was able to enter to search the apartment; and

Whereas, he quickly located an adult woman lying on a bed unresponsive. Not only did Davis expeditiously carry the woman to safety, but he also found and saved her dog. The victim was treated, transported to the hospital, and released four days later; and

Whereas, the incident escalated into a Third Alarm Fire. After several hours, the blaze was controlled. Seven total victims were treated and transported, all of whom survived. This incident is an exemplary example of dedication, training, teamwork, and unabashed bravery; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are grateful for the courage and selflessness Firefighter/EMT Davis Trussel demonstrated on the night of April 12, 2018, and for his commitment to ensuring the safety of South Carolinians. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend and honor Davis Trussel for his heroic efforts and express heartfelt gratitude for his bravery.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Davis Trussel.

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