**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 135 (CATES BAY HIGHWAY) AND FIREHOUSE ROAD IN HORRY COUNTY “JAMES RONALD HUCKS MEMORIAL INTERSECTION” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, Mr. James Ronald Hucks, a devoted family man and public servant, was born December 7, 1953, to the late Jim H. and Sadie Beverly Hucks. He passed away on June 24, 2017, surrounded by his family in the Horry County City of Conway that he loved and faithfully served for more than forty years as a volunteer firefighter; and

Whereas, Mr. Hucks began his service in 1979 with the creation of the Horry County Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter. He advanced through the ranks from firefighter at Station #3, ending his years of service as district chief of the Cates Bay Station #16; and

Whereas, during his storied career, he often went door‑to‑door to install smoke detectors for city residents and made sure their mailboxes had reflective addresses to ensure fire and rescue units could locate the residence quickly in the event of an emergency. Mr. Hucks participated in many public education programs, and he managed his station’s personnel in training, record keeping, and adherence to safety protocols. He also was a trained emergency medical technician for the Horry County Volunteer Rescue Squad; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, he was an active member of Conway Freewill Baptist Church where he served in many capacities. His love of community was so strong that he often missed family time while securing state‑required training to perform his duties and to train those whom he supervised. He earned a number of awards during his career; and

Whereas, “Papa Bear” as he was affectionately called, and his wife, Liz, were married for forty‑four years and were the parents of three children: daughters Wendy Hucks Moran, and Kimberly Hucks Calhoun, and one son, James Richard Hucks, who preceded him in death; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper that the South Carolina General Assembly honor the memory of this passionate and dedicated son of the Palmetto State by naming an intersection in Horry County in his memory. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That members of the General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the intersection located at the junction of South Carolina Highway 135 (Cates Bay Highway) and Firehouse Road in Horry County “James Ronald Hucks Memorial Intersection” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this location containing this designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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