**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC DIVISION AND K‑9 UNIT; THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL, TROOP 1‑POST C, LEXINGTON COUNTY; SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT NETWORK 11TH CIRCUIT‑2009; AND ALL THE OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES UNDER THE COORDINATED OVERSIGHT OF DIRECTOR MARK KEEL OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF ALCOHOL‑RELATED TRAFFIC FATALITIES IN LEXINGTON COUNTY FOR 2009.

Whereas, in an effort to reduce the number of alcohol‑related traffic fatalities on Lexington County roadways for 2009, several law enforcement agencies teamed together to address the problem in a program called Sober or Slammer!; and

Whereas, this successful effort resulted in a decrease of nearly thirty‑five percent in alcohol‑related traffic fatalities, an outcome that testifies to the hard work and united effort of these agencies; and

Whereas, the public showed their appreciation for the program through numerous phone calls praising participating officers on their professional and courteous behavior. Furthermore, not one complaint was received; and

Whereas, special recognition goes to Lieutenant James B. Crawford of the Lexington County Sheriff’s Department Traffic Division for his leadership in coordinating the different agencies in the Sober or Slammer! network checkpoints; and

Whereas, thanks for the success of the program also go to the following law enforcement officers: from the Lexington County Sheriff’s Department Traffic Division and K‑9 Unit, Master Deputy Scottie Smith, Master Deputy Wilson Matthews, Master Deputy Don Parnell, Deputy Bobby Goss, Deputy Dean Smith, Deputy Brian Borough, Deputy Terry Snead, Deputy Jason Jones, Deputy William Patterson, Sergeant Derek Applegate, Deputy Brian Hinz, Deputy R.D. Longshore, Deputy Adam Clayton, Deputy Teddy Xanthakis, and Deputy Shannon Radford; from the South Carolina Highway Patrol, Troop 1‑Post C, Lexington County, Lieutenant Ken Phelps, Sergeant Glen Levine, Sergeant Chris Shelton, Corporal C.S. Harrelson, Corporal W.M. Hoskins, Lance Corporal G.D. Rothell, Lance Corporal J.B. Baker, Lance Corporal B.E. Kyzer, Lance Corporal T.N. Coon, Lance Corporal Q.D. Hallman, Lance Corporal J.R. Stewart, Lance Corporal S.A. Sherriff, Lance Corporal K.G. Ginn, Senior Trooper D.G. Jones, Senior Trooper E.W. Richardson, Senior Trooper R.P. Skinner, Senior Trooper M.L. McCarson, Senior Trooper Ryan Harp, Trooper First Class S.W. Cirencione, Senior Trooper K.M. Caldwell, Trooper First Class D.R. Dodson, Trooper First Class M.D. Alveshire, Trooper First Class R.M. Savje, Trooper First Class W.C. Harman, Trooper A.L. Antley, Trooper J.L. Griffith, Trooper J.G. Snider, Major John Allard, and Trooper J.L. Stokes; from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Network 11th Circuit‑2009, Sheriff Jimmy Metts of the Lexington County Sheriff’s Department (host agency), Sheriff Jason Booth of the Saluda County Sheriff’s Department, Chief Jason Amodio of the South Congaree Police Department, Chief Chris Garner of the Pelion Police Department, Chief Clifton Hayes of the Swansea Police Department, Chief Terrance Green, Major Jay Koon, and Patrolman Michael Lawler of the Lexington Police Department, Chief Wallace Oswald and PFC D. Harpalani of the Batesburg‑Leesville Police Department, Chief Charlie McNair of the Cayce Department of Public Safety, Chief Dennis Tyndall, PFC Jason Spears, and PFC Mark Howard of the West Columbia Police Department, Chief Matt Johnson and Investigator Billy Melton of the Springdale Police Department, Chief Dave Rogers of the Chapin Police Department, Chief Brian Buck of the Irmo Police Department, Chief Ron Carter of the Edgefield Police Department, Chief Randy Blackmon of the Airport Police Department, and Chief Liz Wright of the Pine Ridge Police Department; and

Whereas, the Senate also extends grateful thanks to Director Mark Keel of the South Carolina Department of Safety for his overall management of the project and to the following officers and staff members serving under him whose labors helped make the program effective: from the South Carolina Highway Patrol, Colonel Lancaster, Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, Major Madden, Major Stewart, Major Warren, and Captain Hughes; from the State Transport Police, Colonel Nick Moore, Captain Rick Shell, and Captain Bruce Baily; from the Office of Highway Safety, Phil Riley, Ed Harmon, Lieutenant Russell Wilson, Dennis Ray, Gregg Griffs, Beverly Harris, and Cothea Scott; and

Whereas, it is with great pride and pleasure that the Senate recognizes the fine work of these dedicated men and women. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, commend the Lexington County Sheriff’s Department Traffic Division and K‑9 Unit; the South Carolina Highway Patrol, Troop 1‑Post C, Lexington County; South Carolina Law Enforcement Network 11th Circuit‑2009; and all the other law enforcement agencies under the coordinated oversight of Director Mark Keel of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety for their successful effort to decrease the number of alcohol‑related traffic fatalities in Lexington County for 2009.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Lexington County Sheriff’s Department Traffic Division and K‑9 Unit; the South Carolina Highway Patrol, Troop 1‑Post C, Lexington County; South Carolina Law Enforcement Network 11th Circuit‑2009; and the South Carolina Department of Public Safety.

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