**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE BY SPECIALIST JUSTIN ANTISDEL OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHILE HE WAS SERVING A TOUR OF MILITARY DUTY IN IRAQ, AND TO EXPRESS TO HIS WIFE AND FAMILY THE PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF A GRATEFUL STATE AND NATION FOR HIS LIFE, SACRIFICE, AND SERVICE.

Whereas, with deep appreciation, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, honor on behalf of all South Carolinians, the great sacrifice that the men and women of the United States Armed Forces make for the ideals of liberty and justice so richly enjoyed in this nation; and

Whereas, Justin Antisdel graduated from Wren High School in Piedmont where he met his beloved wife Heather, and together they had a son, Curtis Lee Antisdel, who is now four years old; and

Whereas, Specialist Antisdel left his home and family in Easley to serve in the United States Army in Korea; Fort Drum, New York; and finally Iraq; and

Whereas, answering the call of his country to serve in Iraq with the 22nd Infantry of the 2nd Battalion, Specialist Justin Antisdel deployed with his unit in September 2007 for a tour of duty in Iraq; and

Whereas, in October 2007 while based in Kirkuk, Specialist Antisdel was injured when shrapnel from the explosion of a roadside bomb struck him in the neck, and when seizures resulted from his injury, he was admitted to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D. C., in February 2008; and

Whereas, on March 22, 2009, Specialist Justin Antisdel lost his life from injuries sustained in Iraq while courageously serving his country; and

Whereas, there is no greater or braver sacrifice for a man to make for his country than to lay down his life; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is honored to remember the life and sacrifice of one of South Carolina’s brave sons and heroes, Specialist Justin Antisdel; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly express to the wife and family of Specialist Justin Antisdel, their profound gratitude for his life, his sacrifice, and his service. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, honor and remember the supreme sacrifice made by Specialist Justin Antisdel of the United States Army while he was serving a tour of military duty in Iraq, and express to his wife and family the profound appreciation of a grateful State and nation for his life, sacrifice, and service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Specialist Justin Antisdel.

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