**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE ON SANDHILL ROAD IN KERSHAW, SOUTH CAROLINA AS THE “LEIGH ALLISON SHEPARD MEMORIAL BRIDGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS BRIDGE THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “LEIGH ALLISON SHEPARD MEMORIAL BRIDGE”.

Whereas, Leigh Allison Shepard was born in Lancaster County on August 16, 1986; and

Whereas, Leigh was the youngest of three daughters born to Joanna and Ed Shepard; and

Whereas, Leigh enjoyed sports, and as a preschooler she won the spirit stick at cheerleader camp at Andrew Jackson High School; and

Whereas, in 1995, Leigh was selected as the Cone Dribble Champion on the Flint Ridge Baptist Church basketball team, and in 1996, she won the coach’s award at a basketball camp sponsored by Andrew Jackson High School; and

Whereas, between 1998 and 2002, Leigh won ten awards for swimming with the Kershaw Swim Team, and she enjoyed playing for the Andrew Jackson High School volleyball team for two years; and

Whereas, Leigh enjoyed serving her community and for several summers she participated in Youth Serve, an organization that leads young people in preparing and painting the homes of elderly and disabled individuals who cannot afford to pay someone for the repairs; and

Whereas, Leigh was a member of Kershaw First Baptist Church and was active in youth activities; and

Whereas, Leigh was an excellent student and worked on the 2002‑2003 Andrew Jackson High School yearbook and three months after her death, Andrew Jackson High School presented her family with the award for journalism that Leigh was to receive; and

Whereas, Leigh was killed in an automobile accident on Saturday, February 22, 2003, when the car in which she was a passenger crashed into a bridge and overturned in a creek; and

Whereas, the bridge crosses Hanging Rock Creek and is 2.4 miles south of the Town of Kershaw; and

Whereas, Leigh was a good spirit loved by all who knew her, and it is fitting and proper to honor this young daughter of South Carolina by having a bridge in Lancaster County named in her honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request that the Department of Transportation name the bridge (S‑29‑773) on Sandhill Road in Kershaw, South Carolina (Lancaster County) as the “Leigh Allison Shepard Memorial Bridge” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this bridge that contain the words “Leigh Allison Shepard Memorial Bridge”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and to the family of Leigh Allison Shepard.

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