**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE BY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JASON ROBERT WATSON OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHILE HE WAS SERVING A TOUR OF MILITARY DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN, AND TO EXPRESS TO HIS 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, Jason Robert Watson graduated from Bamberg‑Ehrhardt High School where he was the cadet lieutenant colonel of the Red Raiders Battalion of ROTC cadets and was the first commanding officer there to receive Honor Unit with Distinction status; and

Whereas, he entered the United States Army in September 2007 and left his family and friends for Fort Campbell, Kentucky in February 2008. Answering the call of his country to serve in Afghanistan with the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, Private Watson deployed with his unit in January 2009; and

Whereas, trained as an infantryman, he earned awards and decorations that included the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Sharpshooter Badge, and Weapons Qualification, M4, expert; and

Whereas, on February 10, 2010, at the age of nineteen, Private First Class Jason Robert Watson gave his life in Salerno, Afghanistan when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle; 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, Private First Class Jason Robert Watson is survived by his mother, Cynthia Lott, who resides in Walterboro, and his father and twin brother, both of Louisiana; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is honored to remember the life and sacrifice of one of our nation’s brave sons and heroes, Private First Class Jason Robert Watson. 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 Private First Class Jason Robert Watson of the United States Army while he was serving a tour of military duty in Afghanistan, and express to his 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 presented to the family of Private First Class Jason Robert Watson.

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