**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SERVICE OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT E. FOSTER, JR., OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING HIS TOUR OF MILITARY DUTY AT FORT POLK, LOUISIANA, AND TO EXPRESS TO HIS FAMILY THE DEEPEST APPRECIATION OF A GRATEFUL STATE AND NATION FOR HIS LIFE, SACRIFICE, AND SERVICE.

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

Whereas, Private First Class Robert E. Foster, Jr., of the United States Army stands high among those servicemen and women so honored by their country; and

Whereas, leaving his home and family in Irmo, Private Foster answered the call of his country to serve with the HHC, 115th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Polk, Louisiana; and

Whereas, on October 21, 2009, just three days before his twenty‑second birthday, Private Foster lost his life while serving at Fort Polk; and

Whereas, there is no greater or more courageous sacrifice a man can make than to put his life on the line for a noble cause, as did Private First Class Robert E. Foster, Jr., and to honor his service, Private Foster has been named a recipient of the Lieutenant Governor’s Palmetto Patriot Award; and

Whereas, Private Foster, a graduate of Irmo High School, an accomplished singer, and a faithful member of Church of the Harvest, lives on in the hearts and minds of all who were fortunate enough to know him, including his parents, Darlene and Robert E. Foster, Sr., and his brother, Ryan Foster; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly counts it a great privilege to remember Private First Class Robert E. Foster, Jr., one of the Palmetto State’s finest, and the members with one voice offer their grateful thanks to Almighty God for the service and sacrifice of this heroic son of South Carolina. 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 service of Private First Class Robert E. Foster, Jr., of the United States Army during his tour of military duty at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and express to his family the deepest 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 Robert E. Foster, Jr.

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