**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE BY SERGEANT DAVID L. LEIMBACH OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD WHILE HE WAS SERVING A TOUR OF MILITARY DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN, 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, Sergeant David L. Leimbach of the South Carolina Army National Guard stands high among those servicemen and women so honored by their country; and

Whereas, as a committed serviceman, Sergeant David L. Leimbach was assigned to the First Battalion, 118th Infantry Regiment, of the South Carolina Army National Guard in Fountain Inn. Answering the call of his country, he left his family and home in Taylors to serve in Afghanistan, where he was attached to the 2nd Squadron, 101st Cavalry, serving in reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition; and

Whereas, when the New York Army National Guard replaced the South Carolina Army National Guard unit, Sergeant Leimbach volunteered to stay; and

Whereas, on May 25, 2008, at the age of thirty‑eight, Sergeant Leimbach lost his life for the cause of freedom, killed in action near Bala Baluk, Afghanistan, from wounds suffered when his unit was attacked with small‑arms fire and rocket‑propelled grenades; and

Whereas, there is no greater or more courageous sacrifice a man can make than to lay down his life for a noble cause, as Sergeant David L. Leimbach has done, and to honor his valor, Sergeant Leimbach has been named a recipient of the Lieutenant Governor’s Palmetto Patriot Award; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly counts it a great privilege to remember Sergeant David L. Leimbach, one of the Palmetto State’s finest, and the members with one voice offer their grateful thanks to Almighty God for the service and ultimate 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 supreme sacrifice made by Sergeant David L. Leimbach of the South Carolina Army National Guard while he was serving a tour of military duty in Afghanistan, 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 Sergeant David L. Leimbach.

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