**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE BY SERGEANT SHAWN F. HILL 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 Shawn F. Hill 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 Shawn F. Hill was assigned to the 178th Engineer Battalion, 218th Infantry Brigade, of the South Carolina Army National Guard in Rock Hill. Answering the call of his country, he left his family and home in Wellford to serve in Afghanistan, having already successfully completed a tour of duty in Iraq; and

Whereas, on January 2, 2008, at the age of thirty‑seven, Sergeant Hill lost his life for the cause of freedom, killed in action in Khowst province, Afghanistan, from wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device; and

Whereas, Sergeant Hill, a self‑employed electrician, leaves his beloved wife, Julie; sons Aaron, Darius, and Isiah; and a host of other friends and relatives to cherish his memory; 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 Shawn F. Hill has done, and to honor his valor, Sergeant Hill has been named a recipient of the Lieutenant Governor’s Palmetto Patriot Award. In addition, the South Carolina Legislature has dedicated a portion of South Carolina Highway 129 in Wellford to his memory, a stretch of road now designated “Sgt. Shawn F. Hill Memorial Highway”; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly counts it a great privilege to remember Sergeant Shawn F. Hill, 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 Shawn F. Hill 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 Shawn F. Hill.

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