**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT EXIT 92 ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 85 IN CHEROKEE COUNTY “LANCE CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER S. FOWLKES INTERCHANGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERCHANGE THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “LANCE CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER S. FOWLKES INTERCHANGE”.

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, Lance Corporal Christopher S. Fowlkes of the United States Marine Corps stands high among those servicemen and women so honored by their country; and

Whereas, as a committed serviceman, Lance Corporal Christopher S. Fowlkes was assigned to the 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Answering the call of his country, he left his family and home in Gaffney to serve abroad as a part of the war on terror. His first tour of duty, already completed, had taken him to Iraq; for this second tour, he was deployed to Afghanistan; and

Whereas, on September 10, 2009, at the age of twenty, Lance Corporal Fowlkes lost his life for the cause of freedom, dying from wounds sustained on September third in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, when he and four other soldiers encountered an improvised explosive device; 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 Lance Corporal Christopher S. Fowlkes has done, and to honor his valor, Lance Corporal Fowlkes has been named a recipient of the Lieutenant Governor’s Palmetto Patriot Award; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to name an interchange along Interstate Highway 85 in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly request that the Department of Transportaion name the Interchange located at Exit 92 along Interstate Highway 85 in Cherokee County “Lance Corporal Christopher S. Fowlkes Interchange” and erect appropriate markers or signs at that interchange that contain the words “Lance Corporal Christopher S. Fowlkes Interchange”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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