**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE BY SERGEANT RYAN D. SHARP 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, on December 3, 2011, at the age of 28, Sergeant Ryan D. Sharp gave his life in Landstuhl, Germany, from injuries he sustained on November 21, 2011, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated near his dismounted patrol; and

Whereas, assigned to B Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Infantry Division out of Fort Riley, Kansas, Sergeant Ryan D. Sharp answered his country’s call and deployed with his company to Afghanistan; and

Whereas, he left behind two loving daughters, Mia and Sarah Sharp of Warrenville and his devoted parents, Lynnette P. and David R. Sharp of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and

Whereas, there is no greater or braver sacrifice for a man to make for his country than to lay down his life; therefore, for his valor, Sergeant Ryan D. Sharp received the Palmetto Patriot Award from former Lieutenant Governor André Bauer; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is honored to remember the life and sacrifice of a brave son and hero of our nation, Sergeant Ryan D. Sharp. 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 Ryan D. Sharp 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 Sergeant Ryan D. Sharp.

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