**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE BY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JOHNATHAN BRYANT MCCAIN 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 November 13, 2011, at the age of 38, Sergeant First Class Johnathan Bryant McCain gave his life in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, when he suffered injuries after encountering an improvised explosive device (IED) that detonated near his dismounted patrol; and

Whereas, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, Sergeant First Class Johnathan Bryant McCain answered his country’s call and deployed with his battalion to Afghanistan; and

Whereas, he left behind his beloved wife, Leanna Coleen McCain, and their four loving children: Breanna Nicole, Ashlyn R., Chloe Elizabeth, and Wyatt Andrew, all in North Pole, Alaska; and

Whereas, he also left behind his devoted parents, Sharon Kay Gainey of Florence and Robert McCain of Gilbert, Arizona; 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 First Class Johnathan Bryant McCain 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 First Class Johnathan Bryant McCain. 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 First Class Johnathan Bryant McCain 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 First Class Johnathan Bryant McCain.

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