**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF FIREFIGHTER CHANCE HYATT ZOBEL OF IRMO, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, on November 13, 2010, Columbia‑Richland firefighter Chance Hyatt Zobel was killed when he was hit by a car while fighting a median brush fire on Highway I‑20 near the Clemson Road Exit; and

Whereas, born in Columbia, Chance Zobel was the son of Robert Hyatt and Toni Fitts Zobel. He was a graduate of Dutch Fork High School, where he played varsity football. He also played AAU Baseball and was an avid outdoorsman; and

Whereas, it had been Chance’s dream to be a firefighter, and he had achieved that dream fully only last February when he graduated from the Columbia Fire Recruit School. At the time of his death at age twenty‑three, he had worked with the Columbia Fire Department for three years and had been with Engine Company No. 4 for nine months; and

Whereas, believing a man should be active in his community, Chance was a volunteer with Salkehatchie Summer Service with Trinity United Methodist Church in Blythewood for nine years, two of those as assistant site leader. He was a member of Shady Grove United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, he leaves to cherish his memory his parents; his brother, William Randolph “Randy” Zobel; his fiancee, Katie Shearouse; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

Whereas, in the untimely death of Chance Zobel, the people of this great State once again are reminded of the valor demonstrated every day by our courageous firefighters, who face injury and death while protecting the public from the devastations of fire; and

Whereas, Chance Zobel’s passing has brought great sorrow and loss not only to the members of the Columbia Fire Department but also to the Greater Columbia community at large, as he touched so many lives through his own. He will be missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the death of firefighter Chance Hyatt Zobel of Irmo, and extend their deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hyatt Zobel for the family.

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