**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE BY SPECIALIST JOHN DAVID MEADOR II OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD 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 House of Representatives 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 June 20, 2012, at the age of 36, Specialist John David “J. D.” Meador II gave his life on a crowded market street of Khost, Afghanistan, at the foot of the mountains along the Pakistan border, when a bomber approached Afghan and United States soldiers and detonated the charge during lunch time; and

Whereas, a 1993 state wrestling champion for Lexington High School where he graduated in 1994, J. D. Meador spent time coaching wrestling at White Knoll Middle School and caring deeply for the concerns of his wrestlers; and

Whereas, assigned to the 133rd Military Police Company of the South Carolina National Guard, nicknamed the Palmetto Regulators and based in Timmonsville, Specialist Meador laid aside his own wood‑working business and answered his country’s call to deploy with one hundred seventy soldiers of his company to Khost Province; and

Whereas, he left behind a loving wife, Christy, and two loving daughters, Brianna and Elana, and his parents, Sharon and John Meador; and

Whereas, there is no greater or braver sacrifice for a man to make for his country than to lay down his life; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is honored to remember the life and sacrifice of a brave son and hero of the Palmetto State, Specialist John David Meador II. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, honor and remember the supreme sacrifice made by Specialist John David Meador II of the South Carolina National Guard 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 Specialist John David Meador II.

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