**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE BY CAPTAIN JOHN DAVID HORTMAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHILE HE WAS SERVING A TOUR OF MILITARY DUTY; TO EXPRESS TO HIS FAMILY THE DEEPEST APPRECIATION OF A GRATEFUL STATE AND NATION FOR HIS LIFE, SACRIFICE, AND SERVICE; AND TO HONOR HIM ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNVEILING OF THE SIGN DEDICATING THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE MIDDLE TYGER RIVER ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 296 IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY IN HIS HONOR.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to note that the signage dedicating the bridge that crosses the Middle Tyger River along South Carolina Highway 296 in Spartanburg County to the honor of the late Captain John David Hortman of the United States Army soon will be unveiled; and

Whereas, for the many friends, family members, and Army comrades who knew and appreciated Captain Hortman, this bridge and its sign bear quiet testimony to the years of sacrificial military service he rendered to his State and nation; and

Whereas, a native of Inman, Captain John David Hortman was the son of Brenda Touchton Jones and the late John Wilmer Hortman and a member of Central Church of Christ; and

Whereas, while attending Byrnes High School, he was elected student body president; attended Palmetto Boys State, where he was elected lieutenant governor; and participated in Boys Nation, where he was appointed secretary of state; and

Whereas, Captain Hortman, in preparation for his career, graduated in 2004 from the United States Military Academy; and

Whereas, during his distinguished service in the military, Captain Hortman received the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (posthumously), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Medal; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives were greatly saddened when they learned he was killed during a training accident in Fort Benning, Georgia, on August 8, 2011; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, on behalf of all South Carolinians, acknowledge with deep appreciation the great sacrifice 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, the South Carolina House of Representatives counts it a great privilege to remember Captain John David Hortman, and the members with one voice offer their grateful thanks to Almighty God for the service and ultimate sacrifice of this courageous son of liberty. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and remember the supreme sacrifice made by Captain John David Hortman of the United States Army while he was serving a tour of military duty; express to his family the deepest appreciation of a grateful State and nation for his life, sacrifice, and service; and honor him on the occasion of the unveiling of the sign dedicating the bridge that crosses the Middle Tyger River along South Carolina Highway 296 in Spartanburg County in his honor.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Captain John David Hortman.

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