**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE SECOND ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MEDICAL MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE FOR HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN OF THEMSELVES WHILE RENDERING AID TO THE CITIZENS OF THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the second event of its kind in South Carolina, instituted to memorialize those who have lost their lives in the line of duty or passed away after a lifelong career in emergency medicine, the South Carolina Emergency Medical Memorial Bike Ride will start on the steps of the State House in Columbia on April 12, 2011, and finish in Myrtle Beach on April 14, 2011, at the beginning of the 2011 South Carolina Emergency Medical Service Symposium; and

Whereas, this ride will also recognize those presently serving in prehospital emergency medicine across the Palmetto State, who daily put their lives in harm’s way to help others in times of need; and

Whereas, in addition, the event will promote a healthy lifestyle as participants complete the ride in the required twenty hours of biking; and

Whereas, those being mourned and honored with this ride are Alice Harris Blackwelder, Cliff Parker, Robert Moon, Gene Allen Williams, Jessie McFadyen Olcott, Frank Hall, David F. Shealy, and William Audie Mangum, each having given ten to more than thirty years of service to prehospital care; and

Whereas, we grieve with the communities around our State that support the following prehospital groups that have lost providers this year: Indian Land Rescue, Charleston County EMS, Aiken County EMS, Williston Rescue Squad, River Hills/Lake Wylie Rescue Squad, Lake Robinson Rescue Squad, Batesburg‑Leesville Rescue Squad, and Kershaw Health. With the passing of their lost providers, these groups also have lost more than two hundred years of knowledge and dedication in the field of emergency medical services; and

Whereas, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing such a praiseworthy cause as the South Carolina Emergency Medical Memorial Bike Ride, and the members wish to commend its riders, support staff, and sponsors and wish them much success at this year’s event. 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, recognize and commend the second annual South Carolina Emergency Medical Memorial Bike Ride for honoring those who have given of themselves while rendering aid to the citizens of the great State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the South Carolina EMS Memorial Bike Ride, Inc.

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