**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE SACRIFICE MADE BY LANCE CORPORAL KYLE CARPENTER OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, SERIOUSLY WOUNDED WHILE SERVING A TOUR OF MILITARY DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN, AND TO EXPRESS TO THIS COURAGEOUS SERVICEMAN THE DEEPEST APPRECIATION OF A GRATEFUL STATE AND NATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, on behalf of all South Carolinians, acknowledge with deep appreciation the great sacrifice that 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, Lance Corporal Kyle Carpenter of the United States Marine Corps stands high among those servicemen and women so honored by their country; and

Whereas, as a committed serviceman, Lance Corporal Kyle Carpenter, the son of Jim and Robin Carpenter of Gilbert, answered the call of his country and left his family and home in Lexington County to serve in Afghanistan as a part of the war on terror; and

Whereas, on November 21, 2010, while serving in Afghanistan, Lance Corporal Carpenter took the full blast from an enemy hand grenade in seeking to save a fellow Marine. He suffered catastrophic wounds for the cause of freedom, losing the sight of his right eye and suffering other injuries that require extensive surgeries and rehabilitation; and

Whereas, he has shown himself worthy of the name Marine no less on the battlefield than in the valiant manner in which he has fought the fight toward recovery from his injuries; and

Whereas, there is no greater or more courageous sacrifice a man can make than to risk his life for a noble cause, as Lance Corporal Kyle Carpenter has done, and to honor his valor, Lance Corporal Carpenter was presented with the Purple Heart in December 2010; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly counts it a great privilege to recognize Lance Corporal Kyle Carpenter, one of the Palmetto State’s finest, and the members with one voice pray for his swift and complete recovery and offer their grateful thanks to Almighty God for the service and sacrifice of this heroic son of South Carolina. 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 the sacrifice made by Lance Corporal Kyle Carpenter of the United States Marine Corps, seriously wounded while serving a tour of military duty in Afghanistan, and express to this courageous serviceman the deepest appreciation of a grateful State and nation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lance Corporal Kyle Carpenter.

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