**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE BY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS KRISTOPHER D. CHAPLEAU OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHILE HE WAS SERVING A TOUR OF MILITARY DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN, AND TO EXPRESS TO HIS FAMILY THE DEEPEST APPRECIATION OF A GRATEFUL STATE AND NATION FOR HIS LIFE, SACRIFICE, AND SERVICE.

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, Sergeant First Class Kristopher D. Chapleau of the United States Army stands high among those servicemen and women so honored by their country; and

Whereas, as a committed serviceman, Sergeant First Class Kristopher D. Chapleau was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Answering the call of his country, he left his home to serve abroad as a part of the war on terror with Operation Enduring Freedom; and

Whereas, those fortunate enough to know him valued him as a man with a great sense of humor who supported his soldiers and fought to make sure they received the recognition they deserved; and

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Chapleau proved himself worthy of the name of American serviceman during his military career, earning numerous awards and decorations, including the Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Expert Infantry Badge; and Weapons Qualification: M16, expert; and

Whereas, on June 30, 2010, at the age of thirty‑three, Sergeant First Class Chapleau lost his life for the cause of freedom, dying from injuries sustained in a noncombat‑related incident at Forward Operating Base in Blessing, Afghanistan; and

Whereas, there is no greater or more courageous sacrifice a man can make than to lay down his life for a noble cause, as Sergeant First Class Kristopher D. Chapleau has done, and to honor his valor, Sergeant First Class Chapleau has been named a recipient of the Lieutenant Governor’s Palmetto Patriot Award, given by former Lieutenant Governor André Bauer; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly counts it a great privilege to remember Sergeant First Class Kristopher D. Chapleau, one of the nation’s finest, and the members with one voice offer their grateful thanks to Almighty God for the service and ultimate sacrifice of this heroic son of liberty. 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 and remember the supreme sacrifice made by Sergeant First Class Kristopher D. Chapleau of the United States Army while he was serving a tour of military duty in Afghanistan, and express to his family the deepest 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 Sergeant First Class Kristopher D. Chapleau.

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