**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE BY SERGEANT AARON M. ARTHUR OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHILE HE WAS SERVING A TOUR OF MILITARY DUTY IN IRAQ, 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 Aaron M. Arthur of the United States Army stands high among those servicemen and women so honored by their country; and

Whereas, as a committed serviceman, Sergeant Aaron M. Arthur was assigned to the 203rd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia. Answering the call of his country, he left his home in Lake City to serve abroad as a part of the war on terror with Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

Whereas, Sergeant Arthur proved himself worthy of the name of American serviceman during his military career, earning several awards and decorations, including the Global War on Terrorism Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal and Army Good Conduct Medal; and

Whereas, on March 8, 2010, at the age of twenty‑five, Sergeant Aaron M. Arthur lost his life for the cause of freedom, dying from injuries sustained during a vehicle rollover in Al Kut, Iraq; 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 Aaron M. Arthur has done, and to honor his valor, Sergeant Arthur 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 Aaron M. Arthur, one of the Palmetto State’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 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 and remember the supreme sacrifice made by Sergeant Aaron M. Arthur of the United States Army while he was serving a tour of military duty in Iraq, 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 Aaron M. Arthur.

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