**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE BY SERGEANT JEREMIAH T. WITTMAN 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 Jeremiah T. Wittman of the United States Army stands high among those servicemen and women so honored by their country; and

Whereas, as a committed serviceman, Sergeant Jeremiah T. Wittman was assigned to the A Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado. 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. It was his third tour in the Middle East; and

Whereas, Sergeant Wittman proved himself worthy of the name of American serviceman during his military career, earning numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Service Ribbon, two Overseas Service Ribbons, the NATO Medal, and Combat Action Badge; and

Whereas, those fortunate enough to know him valued him as a man with a sense of humor and soft heart who loved his family. He enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, and riding his dirt bike with family and friends; and

Whereas, on February 13, 2010, at the age of twenty‑six, Sergeant Jeremiah T. Wittman lost his life for the cause of freedom, dying from injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol in Kandahar Province, 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 Jeremiah T. Wittman has done, and to honor his valor, Sergeant Wittman 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 Jeremiah T. Wittman, 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 Jeremiah T. Wittman 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 Jeremiah T. Wittman.

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