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**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR TODD LEVER OF NEWBERRY COUNTY FOR HIS INSTRUMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IN APPREHENDING FOUR FUGITIVES FROM TENNESSEE, INCLUDING A MURDER SUSPECT.

Whereas, in a moment of crisis, Todd Lever of Newberry County displayed courage and cool‑headed thinking that enabled him to assist law enforcement in the apprehension of a teenage murder suspect from Tennessee, as well as of the three other fugitives who accompanied the suspect; and

Whereas, on April 3, 2014, following a twelve‑hour manhunt in a wooded area, Newberry’s Sheriff Lee Foster and his team took into custody four armed teenagers, one of whom allegedly had shot and killed his father in Tennessee the previous evening; and

Whereas, on April 2, a South Carolina deputy spotted the suspects’ vehicle, and a chase ensued. Police spiked the tires of the teens’ vehicle, prompting them to flee on foot into the woods off U.S. Highway 176 and S.C. State Highway 34 in Newberry; and

Whereas, while working on his strawberry farm, Mr. Lever noticed four people in the back of his field and recognized them as the wanted suspects. Putting himself in harm’s way, he approached and attempted to hold them. However, they fled back into a heavily wooded area. Mr. Lever saw a SLED helicopter flying nearby, called 911, and talked the dispatcher through the location. A short time later, the helicopter observed the suspects, and they were taken into custody; and

Whereas, at the risk of his own safety, Todd Lever acted bravely to prevent possible loss of life in this great State, and the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in saluting Mr. Lever for his intrepid actions. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Todd Lever of Newberry County for his instrumental assistance to law enforcement in apprehending four fugitives from Tennessee, including a murder suspect.

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