**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FIRST RESPONDERS IN SUMTER COUNTY WHO SELFLESSLY DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE SAFETY AND WELL‑BEING OF OUR CITIZENS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to pause in their deliberations to commend, along with the congregation of Providence Baptist Church, the outstanding work of the first responders in Sumter County and across our State; and

Whereas, with goals to protect lives, stabilize emergency incidents, and conserve property throughout the county, the Sumter County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) currently operates six advanced life‑support ambulances every day, each staffed with two personnel, one of whom has the ability to perform advanced life support; and

Whereas, a licensed Advanced Life Support Service, Sumter County EMS also staffs one quick response vehicle with the shift supervisor, who is a paramedic, and maintains twelve licensed ambulances in order to respond to some 15,000 calls annually through 911; and

Whereas, the City of Sumter and the Sumter County Fire Departments provide excellent fire service while promoting professional goals and standards through fire prevention, training, and fire‑suppression activities. The two departments support each other on calls throughout the city or county where units are needed; and

Whereas, with a constant commitment to reducing fire deaths and injuries in the Sumter area, the firefighters provide fire‑safety education throughout the community, along with proactive and aggressive inspections that maintain and enforce fire codes; and

Whereas, utilizing modern law enforcement methods, the Sumter Police Department is dedicated to outstanding law enforcement services that afford a safe environment for citizens and visitors alike in the City of Sumter; and

Whereas, the Sumter County Sheriff’s Office protects and serves the citizens of Sumter County, by providing the most professional service to the public while maintaining a strong hand in reducing crime; and

Whereas, all of these first responders spend countless hours to maintain vital communication with and outreach in the community, sacrificing personal and professional time to promote the safety of their neighbors; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the devoted service and sacrificial commitment of the Sumter County first responders and are pleased to join the congregation of Providence Baptist Church in commending their dedication. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the first responders in the Palmetto State who selflessly dedicate themselves to the safety and well‑being of our citizens.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Providence Baptist Church Pastor Graham Bochman.

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