**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND SENIOR TROOPER WILLIAM A. MCINVILLE OF FLORENCE UPON BEING NAMED SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER OF THE YEAR FOR 2012 AND TO EXPRESS DEEP GRATITUDE FOR HIS MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HIS COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that the exceptional work of South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) Senior Trooper William A. McInville of Florence has earned him recognition as 2012 Trooper of the Year; and

Whereas, this prestigious honor is awarded to troopers who display courage and valor under extraordinary circumstances, as did Senior Trooper McInville on June 3, 2012, when he saved a child’s life; and

Whereas, Senior Trooper McInville, who joined the SCHP in January 2010 and is assigned to Dillon, Florence, and Marion counties (Troop Five), conducted a traffic stop on June 3, 2012, after a vehicle disregarded a stoplight on U.S. 52 North at Cashua Drive, nearly causing a collision; and

Whereas, the female driver exited the vehicle with a two‑year‑old child who was not breathing. The mother of the child was calling for help and placed the child in Senior Trooper McInville’s care. After calling for an ambulance, this resourceful trooper began to perform CPR on the child. After several abdominal thrusts, the child spit out a piece of candy, which had caused him to choke; and

Whereas, “When the mother ran from the vehicle, Trooper McInville had no idea what had happened,” says Highway Patrol Colonel Mike Oliver. “He calmly assessed the situation, repeatedly warned the parents to be careful of the traffic around them, and was able to resuscitate this child. Troopers never know what to expect on their shifts, but Trooper McInville drew on his training and his experience to save a life. This act is not the exception for Trooper McInville but highlights his overall work ethic and compassion for others”; and

Whereas, the child was taken to a local hospital and released the following day. A physician from the hospital later called Senior Trooper McInville to commend him for his heroic assistance. The physician also stated that in his opinion the child would not have survived or at least would have suffered brain damage without Senior Trooper McInville’s timely intervention, considering the time it would have taken to get to the hospital; and

Whereas, before joining the SCHP, William A. McInville served with the Florence Police Department, City of Florence Fire Department, and Timmonsville Rescue Squad. He and his wife, Emily, have one child; and

Whereas, grateful for his outstanding work on behalf of the citizens of this State, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly take great pleasure in saluting Senior Trooper William A. McInville on being named 2012 Trooper of the Year. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, honor and commend Senior Trooper William A. McInville of Florence upon being named South Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper of the Year for 2012 and express deep gratitude for his meritorious service to the citizens of his community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Senior Trooper William A. McInville.

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