**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE GRATITUDE OF THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE SACRIFICIAL SERVICE OF THIS GREAT STATE’S POLICE OFFICERS AND TO RECOGNIZE MAY 12‑18, 2013, AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK.

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to note that the week of May 12‑18, 2013, is National Police Week; and

Whereas, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Today, during Police Week tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, D.C., to participate in a number of planned events honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

Whereas, the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, is one in a series of events, including the Candlelight Vigil, sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, and various seminars, all sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors; and

Whereas, the memorial service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately one hundred twenty survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event attracts between twenty‑five thousand and forty thousand attendees from departments throughout the United States, as well as from agencies throughout the world, to our nation’s capital each year; and

Whereas, this commemoration provides a unique opportunity to meet others who share a common brotherhood. To further the spirit of fellowship, the Fraternal Order of Police D.C. Lodge #1 sponsors receptions each afternoon and evening during Police Week for all law enforcement personnel; and

Whereas, grateful for their contributions to the safety of South Carolina’s citizenry, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in commending the fine police officers serving throughout the Palmetto State and in recognizing May 12‑18, 2013, as National Police Week. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express the gratitude of the citizens of South Carolina for the sacrificial service of this great state’s police officers and recognize May 12‑18, 2013, as National Police Week.

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