**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT BARRY PRIDGEON OF THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR HIS MERITORIOUS AND COURAGEOUS SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS’ ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Sergeant Barry Pridgeon was awarded the Medal of Valor from the South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association (SCSA) at the winter conference banquet on Thursday, January 16, 2014; and

Whereas, the SCSA annually awards the Medal of Valor to one or more members of sheriffs’ offices across the State, who have performed heroically in the line of duty; and

Whereas, this year, fourteen recipients were recognized by the SCSA for exceptional valor above and beyond the call of duty and for courage, commitment, and professionalism in the face of danger; and

Whereas, on February 8, 2013, Sergeant Barry Pridgeon answered a call to arrest and transport a shoplifting suspect from the Wal‑Mart on Highway 9 in Spartanburg; and

Whereas, while Sergeant Pridgeon was attempting to take the suspect into custody, the suspect assaulted Sergeant Pridgeon who received multiple injuries including a broken leg and a concussion; and

Whereas, Sergeant Pridgeon required several days in intensive care at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center and months recuperating from the injuries he sustained during the assault; and

Whereas, during his arduous recovery, Sergeant Pridgeon continued to report for duty at the Spartanburg Sheriff’s Office, working mostly to assist desk officers with a spirit of commitment and a willingness to assist his fellow officers; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the sacrifice and dedicated service of law enforcement officers such as Sergeant Barry Pridgeon who use their skill and training day and night to safeguard the citizens of the Palmetto State. 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 Sergeant Barry Pridgeon of the Spartanburg County Sheriff’s Office for his meritorious and courageous service and congratulate him upon receiving the South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association Medal of Valor.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sergeant Barry Pridgeon.

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