**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE FIFTH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA EMS MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE FOR HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN OF THEMSELVES WHILE RENDERING AID TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the South Carolina EMS Memorial Bike Ride, the fifth event of its kind in South Carolina, was instituted to memorialize those who have lost their lives in the line of duty or have passed away after a lifelong career in emergency medicine. The bike ride also celebrates and honors those presently serving across the Palmetto State, who daily put their lives in harm’s way to help others in times of need; and

Whereas, the ride will start on the grounds of the South Carolina State Capitol, in Columbia, on March 4, 2014, and finish in Myrtle Beach on March 6, 2014, at the beginning of the 2014 South Carolina Emergency Medical Service Symposium; and

Whereas, this annual event promotes outdoor activity, exercise, and a healthy lifestyle as participants complete more than two hundred miles in the required twenty hours of biking; and

Whereas, those being mourned and honored with this ride come from all regions of the State. The memorial ride honorees for 2014 are Richard Wills, David Branham, Charlye H. Bailey, Joshua Blake, Damion C. Larrabee, Samuel O. Kennington, Thomas Fridy, Robert McKay, Larry Shuler, and Jay Nelson; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing such a praiseworthy cause as the South Carolina EMS Memorial Bike Ride and commends its riders, support staff, and sponsors and wishes them much success at this year’s event. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and commend the fifth annual South Carolina EMS Memorial Bike Ride for honoring those who have given of themselves while rendering aid to the citizens of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to South Carolina EMS Memorial Bike Ride, Inc.

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