**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF FOREST DRIVE AND BELTLINE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES “ OFFICER GREGORY THOMAS ALIA INTERSECTION” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, Officer Gregory Thomas Alia was born in Columbia, South Carolina, the son of Dr. Richard Thomas Alia and Mary Alexis Wade Alia. He was married to the love of his life, Kassandra Kugler “Kassy” Alia and together they had one son, Salvatore David Alia; and

Whereas, he was a graduate of Richland Northeast High School and held degrees in criminal justice and media arts from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, thirty‑two year old Officer Alia was a seven‑year veteran of the Forest Acres Police Department. On September 30, 2015, he paid the ultimate sacrifice when he was shot and killed as he and two other officers responded to a suspicious person call at Richland Mall shortly before 8 a.m.; and

Where it would be fitting and proper to permanently remember Officer Alia’s bravery and commitment to selfless service to the people of South Carolina by having an intersection in the City of Forest Acres named in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request that the Department of Transportation name the intersection located at the junction of Forest Drive and Beltline Boulevard in the City of Forest Acres “Officer Gregory Thomas Alia Intersection” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this location that contain this designation.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and to the parents and wife of Officer Gregory Thomas Alia.

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