**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53‑3‑75 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MONTH OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR IS DECLARED “BRADLEY S. BLAKE MONTH” IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO PROMOTE THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE.

Whereas, on May 18, 1991, Bradley S. Blake was born in Charleston, South Carolina, the youngest child of Louis and Sylvia Blake; and

Whereas, in 2010 he graduated from the South Carolina Connections Academy in Columbia, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Bradley was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Alvin, South Carolina; and

Whereas, he loved sports, music, and excelled in the field of computer game design technology; and

Whereas, Bradley tragically lost his life on December 27, 2012; and

Whereas, in his memory, the Bradley S. Blake Foundation was established to be one of the State’s leading voices in reducing gun violence through its participation in the Department of Transportation’s Adopt‑A‑Highway Program and the establishment of the Bradley S. Blake Safe Haven Support Group, Bradley S. Blake Community Awareness Day, the Bradley S. Blake Foundation Commemorative Ball, Christmas at MUSC Children’s Hospital, the Bradley S. Blake Day of Thanksgiving, and the Bradley S. Blake Basketball Camp; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to memorialize Bradley S. Blake and recognize the wonderful work that the Bradley S. Blake Foundation does throughout the State to promote nonviolence by declaring the month of June of every year as “Bradley S. Blake Month”. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 53 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 53‑3‑75. The month of June of every year is declared ‘Bradley S. Blake Month’ in South Carolina to promote the reduction of gun violence in this State.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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