COMMITTEE REPORT

April 20, 2016

**S. 950**

Introduced by Senators Grooms and Thurmond

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**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (S. 950) to request that the Department of Transportation name the intersection located at the junction of South Carolina Highway 162 and South Carolina Highway 165 in Charleston County “Charleston County Policeman Steven Buist Hiott, Jr. Memorial Highway”, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

JIMMY C. BALES for Committee.

**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 162 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 165 IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "CHARLESTON COUNTY POLICEMAN STEVEN BUIST HIOTT, JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS "CHARLESTON COUNTY POLICEMAN STEVEN BUIST HIOTT, JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

Whereas, in all generations, it behooves an ordered, peaceful society to demonstrate appreciation to those men and women who make possible the safety and security of its citizens; and

Whereas, the people of the great State of South Carolina are singularly blessed with military servicemen, police officers, firefighters, and rescue personnel, who serve selflessly, often putting their lives in danger in the delivery of that service; and

Whereas, Patrolman Steven Buist Hiott, Jr. of the Charleston County Police Department stands high among those men and women who have labored to ensure the safety and security of the Palmetto State and who, therefore, retains a place of honor in the hearts of its citizens; and

Whereas, as an officer with the Charleston County Police Department, Steven Buist Hiott, Jr. was patrolling the Hollywood Community near South Carolina Highway 165 in Charleston County on Friday, October 29, 1982; and

Whereas, on that date, at the age of thirty-one, the Charleston native became the fifth of many brave members of the Charleston County Police Department to give his life in the line of duty; and

Whereas, Patrolman Hiott was investigating a recent larceny; and

Whereas, Patrolman Hiott was shot and killed while struggling with the suspect; and

Whereas, Patrolman Hiott had served as a Charleston County Police Department Officer since 1975; and

Whereas, there is no greater or more courageous sacrifice a man can make than to lay down his life for a noble cause, as did Steven Buist Hiott, Jr.; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly counts it a great privilege to remember Patrolman Steven Buist Hiott, Jr., one of the Palmetto State’s finest, and its members with one voice offer their grateful thanks to Almighty God for the service and ultimate sacrifice of this valiant son of South Carolina; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to recognize Patrolman Steven Buist Hiott, Jr.’s legacy by naming a portion of South Carolina Highway 165 in the Hollywood community in his memory. 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 portion of South Carolina Highway 165 in Charleston County from its intersection with U.S. Highway 17 to its terminus at the Wadmalaw River “Charleston County Policeman Steven Buist Hiott, Jr. Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of highway that contain the words “Charleston County Policeman Steven Buist Hiott, Jr. Memorial Highway”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and to the family of Steven Buist Hiott, Jr.

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