**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 501 BYPASS IN MARION COUNTY WHICH CROSSES UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 “PFC MICHAEL SHAWN LATU MEMORIAL BRIDGE” AND ERECT SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Whereas, born on January 11, 1985, to Manase T. Latu and Mary Bryant Perry, PFC Michael Shawn Latu of the Marion County Sheriff’s Office tragically lost his life in an accident December 17, 2019, while responding to a call from a fellow deputy; and

Whereas, PFC Latu began his career as a 911 dispatcher for Marion County Emergency Services in 2012 and loved helping people as he waited for a position to become available with the Marion County Sheriff’s Office; and

Whereas, during his five years with the sheriff’s office, PFC Latu was described as the most dependable and dedicated deputy on the roads. In 2018, Latu was honored by command staff as the Patrolman of the Year, and by his peers as Deputy of the Year; and

Whereas, a certified combat medic for the Emergency Response Team, PFC Latu “lived for” ERT missions. He was said to be a walking encyclopedia of weapons and military gadgets, loved everything tactical, and was a huge asset to the Marion County Sheriff’s Office; and

Whereas, members of the South Carolina General Assembly feel it is fitting and proper to remember PFC Michael Shawn Latu for his service and sacrifice by naming a bridge in Marion County in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the bridge along United States Highway 501 Bypass in Marion County which crosses United States Highway 76 “PFC Michael Shawn Latu Memorial Bridge” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this location containing these words.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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