**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT TIM WRIGHT OF THE ABBEVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS’ ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that Sergeant Tim Wright will be awarded the esteemed South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association Medal of Valor Award during the association’s Winter Conference Awards Banquet in Columbia on Thursday, January 24, 2019; and

Whereas, the Medal of Valor Award is presented to a deputy sheriff who performs actions above and beyond the call of duty; and exhibits exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness, and presence of mind; or acts with an unusual swiftness, regardless of his or her personal safety, in an attempt to save or protect human life; and

Whereas, nominations made by the sheriff are presented to a standing committee of sheriffs who approve or disapprove the nomination, and recipients are invited to the Winter Conference where they are presented with the medal at the Awards Banquet; and

Whereas, on the date of the incident for which Sergeant Wright is being awarded, he initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle; and

Whereas, when Sergeant Wright was exiting his cruiser, the driver of the vehicle fired a 270‑caliber rifle at Sergeant Wright and then sped away in the vehicle with Sergeant Wright in pursuit; and

Whereas, the driver fired another shot, and Sergeant Wright’s car was struck in the transmission‑cooler area, limiting his ability for speed in the pursuit, but he never ended the chase in spite of the damage to his cruiser; and

Whereas, during the approximate ten miles of the chase, the driver and passenger of the car being pursued were throwing items out of the car, including the 270‑caliber rifle and another weapon; and

Whereas, Sergeant Wright remained calm and was able to relay over the radio every location where something had been thrown from the vehicle; and

Whereas, even though he had to let another car take over the chase, he remained in pursuit until the vehicle was wrecked and the occupants had been apprehended; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are honored to recognize the heroism and determination of law enforcement officers and first responders like Sergeant Wright who protect and defend our citizens, putting the safety of others above their own personal safety. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Sergeant Tim Wright of the Abbeville County Sheriff’s Office for exceptional courage in the face of danger while in the line of duty and congratulate him upon receiving the South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association Medal of Valor Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sergeant Tim Wright.

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