**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE SECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 5 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 521 TO THE CATAWBA RIVER IN LANCASTER COUNTY “DENNIS C. STRAIGHT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Dennis Charles Straight on November 7, 2018 and wish to honor and remember his supreme sacrifice in the line of duty; and

Whereas, Mr. Straight died at the age of fifty-nine while serving the people of Lancaster County as a volunteer firefighter at the scene of a wreck; and

Whereas, Mr. Straight was born in Niles, Ohio, on April 15, 1959, and was the only child of Chester and Mary Straight. He graduated from Winthrop University; and

Whereas, Mr. Straight was employed by Momentive Performance Materials in Charlotte; and

Whereas, a man dedicated to service, Mr. Straight was a volunteer with the Van Wyck Volunteer Fire Department for twenty years, where he served as a firefighter, training officer, assistant chief, and fire chief. He also served on the Lancaster County Fire Commission and volunteered at Andrew Jackson State Park; and

Whereas, a true Renaissance man, Mr. Straight had diverse interests ranging from Shakespeare to motorcycles. He was a licensed amateur radio operator, great storyteller, and amateur photographer. He loved off‑roading, primitive camping, and hiking and was a fan of the Cleveland Indians and Grateful Dead. He will be remembered for his quick wit and unflagging generosity of spirit; and

Whereas, Mr. Straight was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Mary Straight; and

Whereas, he is survived by his wife, Jane; two dogs, Spaz and Brian; his wife’s siblings, Michael (Audrey) Locke, Paul Magnussen, Lisa (Greg) Locke Stevens, Cecelia (Chuck) Magnussen Benson, Brenda (Garth) Locke McGlasson, and Pamela (Jim) Magnussen Hoyt; and many nieces and nephews; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to pay tribute to the life, service, and courageous sacrifice of this son of South Carolina by naming a section of South Carolina Highway 5 in Lancaster County in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, request that the Department of Transportation name the section of South Carolina Highway 5 from its intersection with South Carolina Highway 521 to the Catawba River in Lancaster County “Dennis C. Straight Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this location containing this designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and the family of Dennis C. Straight.

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