**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE FIRST SERGEANT CHUCK MIXON OF THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, FOR HIS DISPLAY OF 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 House of Representatives are pleased to learn that First Sergeant Chuck Mixon will be awarded the esteemed South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association Medal of Valor Award during the association’s awards banquet on Thursday, January 23, 2020; 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, on the date of the incident for which First Sergeant Chuck Mixon is being honored, he responded to an assault call in the Pageland area of Chesterfield County; and

Whereas, upon arriving at the scene, First Sergeant Mixon learned that the suspect had physically assaulted two adult victims in their residence. Though both adult victims were able to escape the residence, the suspect proceeded to lock them outside, holding their five year old child inside; and

Whereas, after locating an open window, Mixon entered the residence, where he found the suspect sitting and holding a knife to the child’s throat; and

Whereas, Mixon overheard the suspect telling the child the suspect would not hurt her. Understanding there was a possibility to handle the situation without the use of deadly force, Mixon negotiated with the suspect until he finally released the child; and

Whereas, after the release of the child the suspect proceeded to hold the knife to his own throat. As two other deputies moved into tactical positions, Mixon continued to negotiate with the suspect. Despite the suspect’s agitation, after multiple attempts over a period of several minutes to get him to put down the knife, the suspect relented and was taken into custody; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are honored to recognize the heroism and determination of law enforcement officers and first responders like First Sergeant Mixon who go above and beyond to 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:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize First Sergeant Chuck Mixon of the Chesterfield County Sheriff’s Office, for his display of 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.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to First Sergeant Chuck Mixon.

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