**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE DEPUTY WILLIAM KIMBRO OF THE BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, WHO DISPLAYED EXTRAORDINARY PRESENCE OF MIND AND SWIFTNESS OF ACTION TO SAVE A LIFE 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 Deputy William Kimbro will be awarded the esteemed South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association Medal of Valor Award during the association’s awards banquet in Columbia 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 June 11, 2019, Deputy Kimbro initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding; and

Whereas, the driver immediately exited the vehicle, ran up to Deputy Kimbro’s vehicle and reported that a baby wasn’t breathing. The driver, who was the child’s grandmother, explained that her twelve‑day‑old granddaughter had stopped breathing; and

Whereas, Deputy Kimbro called for an ambulance and went to the vehicle to find the baby. Upon opening the passenger side door, he found the child with her mother. He immediately asked for the baby, and began to assess the situation; and

Whereas, when Deputy Kimbro did not find a heartbeat or a pulse he began to perform lifesaving aid as the child’s mother explained that her daughter had stopped breathing after drinking a bottle. Understanding the possibility the baby had choked on milk, Deputy Kimbro was careful not to provide rescue breaths and worsen the situation; and

Whereas, Deputy Kimbro continued to provide lifesaving aid for nearly seven minutes while explaining his actions and keeping the family calm. He was able to feel a heartbeat before the ambulance arrived and the child was passed to an EMT. Rather than immediately departing, Deputy Kimbro chose to remain at the scene, checking on the welfare of the child as aid was provided in the ambulance; 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 Deputy Kimbro who protect and defend our citizens through swift action, 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 and congratulate Deputy William Kimbro of the Berkeley County Sheriff’s Office, who displayed extraordinary presence of mind and swiftness of action to save a life 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 Deputy William Kimbro.

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