COMMITTEE REPORT

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**H. 5301**

Introduced by Rep. Forrest

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**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (H. 5301) to request the Department of Transportation name the portion of Fairview Road in Lexington County from its intersection with Interstate Highway 20 to its intersection with Oleander Road “Fire Engineer Paul E., etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

JIMMY C. BALES for Committee.

**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF FAIRVIEW ROAD IN LEXINGTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 20 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH OLEANDER ROAD “FIRE ENGINEER PAUL E. QUATTLEBAUM, JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Whereas, born October 13, 1972, Fire Engineer Paul Edwin Quattlebaum, Jr., a son of Paul E. Quattlebaum, Sr., and the late Debbie Sweeny Quattlebaum, tragically lost his life in the line of duty October 4, 2019; and

Whereas, a 1990 graduate of Batesburg‑Leesburg High School, Mr. Quattlebaum honorably served his country as a lance corporal in the United States Marine Corps, serving as a field radio operator from 1992 to 1994; and

Whereas, honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, Mr. Quattlebaum began his public service career as a volunteer Lexington County firefighter before being hired full time. He went on to serve with that county’s fire service for twenty‑two years, most recently as fire engineer at Samaria Fire Department Station 27; and

Whereas, on October 4, 2019, having been dispatched on a medical call, Mr. Quattlebaum and his partner came upon a vehicle collision. Stopping to assist the vehicle’s passengers, Mr. Quattlebaum was hit by a passing semi‑truck and later passed away; and

Whereas, Mr. Quattlebaum was afforded a farewell befitting a fallen hero. His body was brought to the service on the back of a Lexington County Fire Service engine, and firefighters, police officers, emergency medical personnel and uniformed personnel from around the country joined in the service; and

Whereas, in eulogizing him, Fire Chief Mark A. Davis called Quattlebaum a hero because of the way he lived his life. “He was a man dedicated to his country, his county, his fire department, and his family and friends”; and

Whereas, Fire Engineer Paul E. Quattlebaum, Jr., is survived by his father Paul E. Quattlebaum, Sr., and stepmother Gwen S. Quattlebaum, a son, Elijah Paul Quattlebaum, and a host of other relatives and friends; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the South Carolina General Assembly pay homage to a native son who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty by naming a portion of highway in Lexington County in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the portion of Fairview Road in Lexington County from its intersection with Interstate Highway 20 to its intersection with Oleander Road “Fire Engineer Paul Quattlebaum, Jr. Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate signs or markers along this portion of highway containing these words.

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

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