**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE HEROIC INTERVENTION OF JAMES PERRY OF LEXINGTON COUNTY, WHO, WORKING WITH ANOTHER RESIDENT, RESCUED A NEIGHBOR AND HER GRANDCHILDREN FROM DROWNING, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON RECEIVING A CITIZEN LIFE SAVER AWARD FROM FIRST RESPONDERS FOR HIS QUICK ACTION.

Whereas, on May 22, 2020, first responders were called to the Lake Frances subdivision near South Congaree after neighbors reported that a woman who was walking with some of her grandchildren in a stroller had accidentally fallen into the lake. James Perry sprinted toward where he could already see and hear a commotion and discovered a woman and her grandchildren in distress; and

Whereas, he was preceded on the scene by Kim Eichelberger, a registered nurse, who had seen a woman in the water of the lake, as well as a baby stroller, close to the shore. Mr. Perry saw Ms. Eichelberger in the water searching for any children. While doing so, she had yelled to her son and instructed him to call 911; and

Whereas, James Perry also jumped into the water, took hold of the woman, and pulled her to the shore. Meanwhile, Ms. Eichelberger grabbed the stroller and pulled it out of the water. The children were still strapped in the stroller but appeared to be safe. She jumped back into the water to assist Mr. Perry in getting the woman to the bank. When the two got her to the shore, she wasn’t breathing, so Ms. Eichelberger immediately began performing CPR until the woman regained consciousness; and

Whereas, first responders from Lexington County EMS and the South Congaree Fire Station arrived and took over care of the woman from the two heroes. The first responders quickly moved the woman into an ambulance and transported both her and her grandchildren to a nearby medical facility. Both she and her grandchildren recovered; and

Whereas, in recognition of their timely assistance, Mr. Perry and Ms. Eichelberger were presented with Citizen Life Saver Awards and challenge coins. The House, grateful for the efforts of these two good Samaritans, takes much pleasure in adding its praise to the many encomiums deservedly extended to them for their lifesaving work. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the heroic intervention of James Perry of Lexington County, who, working with another resident, rescued a neighbor and her grandchildren from drowning, and congratulate him on receiving a Citizen Life Saver Award from first responders for his quick action.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to James Perry.

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