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**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEPUTY BRIANNA MILLER OF THE GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, WHO ACTED HEROICALLY IN RESPONDING TO A VEHICLE ACCIDENT, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON RECEIVING THE 2021 SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS’ ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

Whereas, on May 13, 2021, Deputy Brianna Miller displayed extraordinary presence of mind and decisive action in the line of duty that helped saved the lives of others. Her quick response and selfless acts have been recognized by her peers, and she will be presented with the prestigious South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association Medal of Valor Award on January 20, 2022; and

Whereas, the Medal of Valor Award is presented to a deputy sheriff who performs actions above and beyond the call of duty; and who 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 May 13, 2021, Deputy Brianna Miller responded to a vehicle accident on Highway 11 in Northern Greenville County. Upon arrival to the scene, Deputy Miller located one damaged vehicle in the middle of the roadway and made contact with the occupant of the vehicle. Continuing to assess the situation, she then found an additional vehicle, which had gone over the guardrail and was located at the bottom of an embankment on its passenger side; and

Whereas, as another first responder began to render aid to the occupant of the first vehicle, Deputy Miller jumped over the guardrail and made her way through thick foliage to establish contact with the occupants of the second vehicle. She discovered two individuals and a pet dog entrapped in the car. Quickly, she determined the need to extricate the occupants and, while speaking calmly, forced open the windshield enabling the female occupant and the pet dog to make their way out of the vehicle and to safety; and

Whereas, Deputy Miller requested assistance from additional first responders now on the scene and attempted to calm the male occupant who was pinned within the vehicle and was being held up by the seatbelt that was still attached. Understanding the urgency of the situation and having not received the additional aid she requested, she then entered the vehicle herself and released the male occupant from his restraint by cutting his seatbelt. She was then able to pull the male victim out of the vehicle without assistance, after which additional first responders arrived at her location and began to render aid to the male victim; and

Whereas, though the male victim succumbed to his injuries, Deputy Miller placed her own safety second to those in need of immediate aid. Her quick response and selfless acts set a shining example for members of law enforcement within the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are honored to recognize the heroism and determination of law enforcement officers and first responders like Deputy Brianna Miller who go above and beyond to protect and defend our citizens, putting the safety of others above their own. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Deputy Brianna Miller of the Greenville County Sheriff’s Office, who acted heroically in responding to a vehicle accident, and congratulate her upon receiving the 2021 South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association Medal of Valor Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Deputy Brianna Miller.

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