**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE HEROIC INTERVENTION OF ALLEN HUTTO OF LEXINGTON, WHO GAVE LIFESAVING ASSISTANCE TO TWO FISHERMEN ON MARCH 19, 2022, AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS QUICK ACTION IN RESPONDING TO THE EMERGENCY.

Whereas, white caps could be seen on the choppy waters from the Lake Murray dam on Saturday, March 19, 2022. The waves broke on five towers that rise out of the lake about two hundred feet from the dam. Near the towers, waves and wind rocked a boat with two fisherman aboard. In the next few minutes, the boat would be capsized, and the two fisherman would be clinging to Allen Hutto’s kayak; and

Whereas, there was a happy ending to this accident, but it might not have been so because Allen almost didn’t make it out onto the water at the right moment to lend a hand. As he readied to depart for the lake, he noticed a nail in his tire and had to get it plugged. That delay proved crucial for the two fishermen; and

Whereas, at about 11 a.m., paddling in the water between the dam and the towers that rise from the lake, Allen noticed a center console boat being buffeted by the elements. The wind and tumultuous water twisted the boat until its side was to the waves, and the boat capsized as he was about a hundred feet away; and

Whereas, he saw the two fishermen bobbing and flailing in the water. One did not have a life vest and seemed to be struggling. Moving swiftly toward the fishermen, he reached them and told them to grab onto the bow of his kayak. They held tight while Allen waved over another nearby pontoon boat. He and other boaters helped the two fishermen into the pontoon boat before taking them to a nearby landing. Allen remarked that he wouldn’t have been in the right spot at the right time if not for the providential nail that punctured his tire; and

Whereas, when they reached land, the fishermen, cold but safe, were thankful for the help, and Allen Hutto felt that his training in rescues as a sea kayaker prepared him for this situation; and

Whereas, a prominent Midlands community member, Allen Hutto is the Vice President of Governmental Affairs at Great Southern Homes of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, grateful for the efforts of Allen Hutto and the other Good Samaritans who helped save the fishermen’s lives, take much pleasure in adding their praise to the many encomiums deservedly extended to him for his 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 Allen Hutto of Lexington, who gave lifesaving assistance to two fishermen on March 19, 2022, and commend him for his quick action in responding to the emergency.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Allen Hutto.

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