**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND JOSH FAULKENBERRY OF LANCASTER COUNTY UPON BEING NAMED 2020 SOUTH CAROLINA PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO LANCASTER COUNTY AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the distinguished accomplishments of Josh Faulkenberry of Lancaster County and congratulates him on the great honor of being named 2020 South Carolina Paramedic of the Year; and

Whereas, Mr. Faulkenberry, who received the award at the annual South Carolina EMS Symposium held March 10‑13, 2021, at Myrtle Beach, has been a part of the Lancaster County EMS (LCEMS) system for the past decade; and

Whereas, as a supervisor at LCEMS, Josh Faulkenberry’s job involves imparting the benefits of his substantial experience to others. He enjoys using his teaching talents to help new medics increase their skills so they can advance in their careers; and

Whereas, despite being deeply engaged in confronting the county’s continuing opioid crisis and the coronavirus pandemic, Mr. Faulkenberry saw LCEMS accomplish a great deal last year, including its receipt of a federal training grant and hosting a boot camp for new trainees; and

Whereas, LCEMS has less than a two percent annual turnover rate, which is vastly superior to the national average and a testament to the stability fostered by the contributions of dedicated professionals like Josh Faulkenberry; and

Whereas, LCEMS was founded in 1967 as one of the first non‑funeral home EMS systems in South Carolina. It serves 79,000 residents in a 540‑square‑mile area located just south of Charlotte, ceaselessly providing advanced life‑support care such as aggressive care of potential heart attacks, rapid sequence intubation, continuous positive airway pressure, and Code ICE. In recognition of its consistently outstanding performance, LCEMS won many state and regional awards, including ALS System of the Year, Paramedic and Intermediate EMT of the Year, and Director of the Year. LCEMS, which responds to more than 12,500 calls for service each year, has fielded a team in the South Carolina Paramedic Competition finals nine times; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly, is pleased to recognize the vital contributions that Josh Faulkenberry makes each day in the field of emergency medical services, and is proud to salute him as 2020 South Carolina Paramedic of the Year. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate and commend Josh Faulkenberry of Lancaster County upon being named 2020 South Carolina Paramedic of the Year and thank him for his outstanding service to Lancaster County and the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Josh Faulkenberry.

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