**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DEPUTY DREW WINANS, DEPUTY JEROME MAYBANK, AND DEPUTY BRANDON MCWETHY OF THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS’ ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR AND TO COMMEND THEM FOR THEIR HEROIC ACTIONS IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is honored to recognize Deputy Drew Winans, Deputy Jerome Maybank, and Deputy Brandon McWethy of the Georgetown County Sheriff’s Office as they are awarded the esteemed South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association Medal of Valor on Tuesday, April 27, 2021; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association Medal of Valor is given to any deputy sheriff who performs actions above and beyond the call of duty and who exhibits exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness, and presence of mind, or an unusual swiftness of action, regardless of his or her personal safety, in an attempt to save or protect human life; and

Whereas, on December 10, 2019, Deputy Drew Winans, Deputy Jerome Maybank, and Deputy Brandon McWethy responded to a domestic violence call. While making contact with the suspect and victim, the deputies witnessed an altercation between the two that escalated into physical violence. The deputies attempted to take the suspect into custody, but he refused and fired upon the deputies. After a brief exchange, the deputies were able to strike the suspect, who still refused to comply and surrender his weapon. The deputies pleaded with the suspect and repeatedly offered medical aid, but he again opened fire upon them. The deputies returned fire and fatally wounded the suspect, managing to come out of the event themselves uninjured; and

Whereas, Deputy Drew Winans, Deputy Jerome Maybank, and Deputy Brandon McWethy displayed courage, decisiveness, and presence of mind in protecting their community by reacting swiftly to a life-threatening situation; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is honored to recognize the sacrifice, heroism, and determination of law enforcement officers and first responders like Deputy Drew Winans, Deputy Jerome Maybank, and Deputy Brandon McWethy who protect and defend our citizens, putting the safety of others above their own personal safety. 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 Deputy Drew Winans, Deputy Jerome Maybank, and Deputy Brandon McWethy of the Georgetown County Sheriff’s Office for receiving the South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association Medal of Valor and commend them for their heroic actions in the line of duty.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Deputy Drew Winans, Deputy Jerome Maybank, and Deputy Brandon McWethy of the Georgetown County Sheriff’s Office.

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