**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND KENNETH CORBIN FOR HIS COURAGEOUS ACTIONS IN A LIFE‑THREATENING SITUATION AND TO OFFER HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR HIS HEROISM.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate wish to extend their ardent appreciation to Mr. Kenneth Corbin, a public school bus driver in Richland County School District Two, for his exemplary reaction in the face of unspeakable adversity; and

Whereas, on May 6, 2021, an armed man hijacked the bus on which Mr. Corbin was transporting children to Forest Lake Elementary School. Mr. Corbin was immediately under duress as the man held a rifle to him, endangering not only his life but those of the eighteen students on his bus; and

Whereas, as these terrifying circumstances unfolded, Mr. Corbin responded calmly and was soon able to lead all of the children from the bus safely. Heroism is exemplified here as a modest man went to perform his job that morning and walked away having comported himself far above and beyond the call of duty; and

Whereas, after the incident, Mr. Corbin was seen to be comforting the children and keeping them together, soothing them until help could arrive; and

Whereas, as all involved worked to recover from the dramatic shock that occurred, Mr. Corbin met with his students the following day, continuing to focus on the well‑being of his students, who had also been concerned for him; and

Whereas, with millions of parents entrusting the safety of their children to public school bus drivers, they should take great comfort in knowing people of Mr. Corbin’s character and caliber are at the wheel; and

Whereas, while this horrific incident is truly terrifying, the members of the Senate could not be more proud of the manner in which Mr. Corbin responded, saving nineteen lives in a situation that he could not possibly have anticipated. The highest of commendations is offered to Mr. Corbin for his presence of mind which resulted in a peaceful resolution. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution honor and commend Kenneth Corbin for enduring courage in a life‑threatening situation and offer heartfelt gratitude for his heroism.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Kenneth Corbin.

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