**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEPUTY NICHOLAS VECCHIONE FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHARLESTON COMMUNITY AND CONGRATULATE HIM FOR RECEIVING THE MEDAL OF VALOR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to recognize Charleston County Deputy Nicholas Vecchione for winning the prestigious Medal of Valor for his heroic actions during an active shooting incident in 2021; and

Whereas, on September 18, 2021, the Charleston County Sheriff’s Office and Charleston Police Department received reports of a suspect actively discharging a firearm, as well as threatening and assaulting a woman, in the Springfield Farms Subdivision of Charleston City. Charleston County Sheriff’s Office deputies, including Deputy Nicholas Vecchione, and Charleston City Police Department officers responded to the scene; and

Whereas, upon arrival, the responding deputies and officers encountered a subject actively firing a handgun. As the deputies exited their vehicles, the suspect fired in their direction, striking their vehicles; and

Whereas, as the suspect continued to maneuver into position to fire at law enforcement personnel, Deputy Vecchione, utilizing his agency issued rifle, took up a position of cover and fired at the suspect from approximately 400 feet, which eventually neutralized the threat; and

Whereas, Deputy Vecchione’s quick thinking and resolute actions saved the lives of citizens and responding law enforcement officers. His heroic actions and exceptional performance demonstrate the values held by all members of the law enforcement community. 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, recognize and honor Charleston County Deputy Nicholas Vecchione for his many contributions to the Charleston community and congratulate him for receiving the Medal of Valor.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Deputy Nicholas Vecchione.

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