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A house RESOLUTION

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF Citadel Cadet Sullivan Connor “SUlly” Watkins OF charleston COUNTY AND to EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives was saddened to learn of the untimely death of Sullivan Connor “Sully” Watkins at the young age of twenty-two on January 1, 2024, at his home over winter furlough from The Citadel; and

Whereas, born in Charleston on August 10, 2001, Sully Watkins was the cherished son of Angel Watkins and Bradley Watkins and the loving brother of Kennedy, Sheldon, and Sophie Watkins; and

Whereas, a faithful member of the Northwood Church youth group, he attended multiple missions trips with the church’s young people; and

Whereas, Sully Watkins graduated from Northwood Academy where his teammates remember him for his unwavering spirit and determination. He loved the outdoors, and his talent on the football and baseball fields was displayed in high school. After graduation, he entered The Citadel: The Military College of South Carolina; and

Whereas, a senior cadet of Delta Company in the South Carolina Corps of Cadets at The Citadel, he was majoring in construction engineering, expecting to graduate in May; and

Whereas, an exemplary cadet serving as a platoon leader, Sully Watkins held the rank of Second Lieutenant and had earned Gold Stars and Dean’s List multiple times; and

Whereas, though he proudly received his ring last fall, he will not leave The Citadel with his 2024 classmates in the Long Grey Line, but he will be well remembered among his comrades there; and

Whereas, Sully Watkins, with his kind heart, quick wit, and infectious smile, had a passion for helping others and a love for Jesus that shined brightly when he was able to help those in need; and

Whereas, he was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Leon and Cindy Peters; his maternal great‑grandfather, Billy Floyd; and his maternal aunt, Grace Peters; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life of Sully Watkins and for the example of kindness, laughter, and love of life that he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Citadel Cadet Sullivan Connor “Sully” Watkins of Charleston County and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Sullivan Connor “Sully” Watkins.

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