**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 15 IN CLARENDON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH JIM ROSS ROAD TO THE SUMMERTON TOWN LIMIT “PATROLMAN JOHN RAY RIDDLE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “PATROLMAN JOHN RAY RIDDLE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY”.

Whereas, on January 15, 1961, Patrolman John Ray Riddle was on patrol in Clarendon County when around 6:30 a.m. his patrol vehicle collided with a tractor‑trailer. Tragically, Patrolman Riddle died as a result of his injuries; and

Whereas, Patrolman John Ray Riddle grew up in the Pleasant Gove Community near Leesville in Saluda County. He graduated from what was then Hollywood High School and then served in the United States Army. He began his career with the South Carolina Highway Patrol on January 31, 1960, and was assigned to Clarendon County; and

Whereas, Patrolman Riddle was survived by his wife, Rebecca Wood Riddle, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Riddle, four brothers, Glen, Joseph H., Joe A., and Paul D. Riddle, and two sisters, Evelyn Hall and Doris Hite. His brother, Glen, was a Patrolman assigned to Colleton County during this time; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to pay tribute to this fallen law enforcement officer by naming a portion of United States Highway 301 in Clarendon County in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of United States Highway 15 in Clarendon County from its intersection with Jim Ross Road to the Summerton town limit “Patrolman John Ray Riddle Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of highway that contain the words “Patrolman John Ray Riddle Memorial Highway”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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