**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE FEIDIN SANTANA OF NORTH CHARLESTON FOR RECORDING THE FATAL SHOOTING OF WALTER SCOTT BY A NORTH CHARLESTON POLICE OFFICER, AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HIS COMING FORWARD WITH THE VIDEO CONTRIBUTED TO AN ORDERLY AND PROMPT JUDICIAL PROCESSING OF THE INCIDENT.

Whereas, born in the Dominican Republic, Feidin Santana moved to the United States when his grandmother, a permanent resident, petitioned for her children and minor grandchildren to join her in Newark, New Jersey, when he was thirteen; and

Whereas, the son of two talented musicians, he took pleasure in the performing arts, especially vocal music, and in playing baseball; and

Whereas, he and his family lived in New Jersey for only a year and a half, relocated to Yonkers, New York, for a year and then to Providence, Rhode Island; and

Whereas, in Rhode Island, Feidin participated in and excelled at baseball, and after graduating from Dr. Jorge Alvarez High School in 2009, he moved back to the Dominican Republic to pursue his dream of playing professional baseball; and

Whereas, at the conclusion of his baseball career in 2013, he returned to the United States, making his home in North Charleston where he currently resides, working as a barber to support his family, some of whom still live in the Dominican Republic; and

Whereas, Mr. Santana recently recorded on his cell phone the fatal shooting of Walter Scott by a North Charleston Police Officer which was provided to the appropriate law enforcement authorities; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives acknowledges that the actions of Feidin Santana in recording the fatal incident expedited the ability of authorities to understand what happened in this situation, and resulted in a prompt and orderly processing of the incident. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize Feidin Santana of North Charleston for recording the fatal shooting of Walter Scott by a North Charleston police officer, and acknowledge that his coming forward with the video contributed to an orderly and prompt judicial processing of the incident.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Feidin Santana.

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