**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE SIXTH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA EMS MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN OF THEMSELVES WHILE RENDERING AID TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the South Carolina EMS Memorial Bike Ride, the sixth event of its kind in South Carolina, was instituted to memorialize those who have lost their lives in the line of duty or passed away after a lifelong career in emergency medicine. The bike ride also celebrates and honors those presently serving across the Palmetto State, who daily put their lives in harm’s way to help others in times of need; and

Whereas, the ride will start on the grounds of Greenville Memorial Hospital, located in Greenville County in South Carolina, on May 15, 2015, and finish at the South Carolina EMS Memorial, located in Calhoun County, on May 17, 2015; and

Whereas, this annual event promotes outdoor activity, exercise, and a healthy lifestyle as participants complete the over two‑hundred‑mile ride in the required twenty hours of cycling; and

Whereas, those being mourned and honored with this ride come from all regions of the State. The memorial ride honorees for 2015 are Russell Elmore, Timothy “Rescue” Smith, Melvin “Papa Flip” Flippin, Sr., Steven “Stevie” Phillips, Francisco “Cisco” Agbunag, Dorothy Dixon, Steven Yaeckel, Jeffery Brigman, Ronald “Ronnie” Sheppard, James Vinson, Patricia Grant, Kellen Fleming, Patrick Allen, Benjamin “Bennie” McCoy, and John Burns; and

Whereas, on this memorial ride the riders will honor three Line of Duty Deaths with the passing of Paramedic Steven Phillips of Chesterfield County EMS, Paramedic Kellen Fleming of Westview Fairforest Fire Department, and EMT Lt. John Burns of Myrtle Beach Fire Department, all of whom were providers that gave their all to their chosen career of pre‑hospital emergency care; and

Whereas, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing such a praiseworthy cause as the South Carolina EMS Memorial Bike Ride, and the members wish to commend its riders, support staff, and sponsors and wish them much success at this year’s event. 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 commend the sixth annual South Carolina EMS Memorial Bike Ride to honor those who have given of themselves while rendering aid to the citizens of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to South Carolina EMS Memorial Bike Ride, Inc.

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