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A senate RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE Joseph H. Pope, Jr. and Charles A. Segars III for their heroic actions in saving the lives of their fellow students and FOR receiving the Citizen Award from the Clemson University Police Department.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Joseph H. Pope Jr. and Charles A. Segars III have received the Citizen Award from the Clemson University Police Department (CUPD); and

Whereas, during the early morning hours of September 2, 2023, CUPD officers responded to a severe motor vehicle collision with injuries in the area of Old Stone Church Road and Cherry Road in the City of Clemson; and

Whereas, as officers approached the scene, they were confronted with a fully involved vehicle fire and multiple witnesses gathered around. The two occupants had already been removed from the vehicle; and

Whereas, Clemson University students Mr. Pope and Mr. Segars had rushed to assess the situation and discovered individuals were still trapped inside the vehicle. Undeterred by the fire, the two acted decisively, breaking the driver’s side window to extract the driver before breaking the passenger’s side window to rescue the second occupant; and

Whereas, thanks to their quick thinking, remarkable bravery, and disregard for their safety during these critical moments, Mr. Pope and Mr. Segars undoubtedly contributed to saving the lives of those who were discovered to be fellow students. Mr. Pope injured his arm during these heroic efforts, underscoring the sacrifices made to serve fellow citizens; and

Whereas, the Senate is grateful for Joseph H. Pope Jr. and Charles A. Segars III’s dedicated service to the people and the State of South Carolina and takes great pleasure in saluting them for receiving the prestigious Citizen Award. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Joseph H. Pope Jr. and Charles A. Segars III for their selfless and heroic actions in saving the lives of two fellow students and for receiving the Citizen Award from the Clemson University Police Department.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Joseph H. Pope Jr. and Charles A. Segars III.

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