**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME SACRIFICE MADE BY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JOHN H. JARRELL OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHILE HE WAS SERVING A TOUR OF MILITARY DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN, AND TO EXPRESS TO HIS FAMILY THE DEEPEST APPRECIATION OF A GRATEFUL STATE AND NATION FOR HIS LIFE, SACRIFICE, AND SERVICE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, on behalf of all South Carolinians, acknowledge with deep appreciation the great sacrifice that the men and women of the United States Armed Forces make for the ideals of freedom and justice, which are so richly enjoyed in this nation; and

Whereas, Sergeant First Class John H. Jarrell of the United States Army stands high among those servicemen and women so honored by their country; and

Whereas, as a committed serviceman, Sergeant First Class Jarrell was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Answering the call of his country, he left his home in Brunson to serve abroad as a part of the war on terror with Operation Enduring Freedom; and

Whereas, those fortunate enough to know him valued him as a man who kept a smile on his face and who had a laugh contagious to others. An avid Georgia Bulldogs fan, he enjoyed hunting and fishing, was a member of the National Rifle Association, and served his God through the Baptist denomination; and

Whereas, during his time of service, Sergeant First Class Jarrell proved himself worthy of the name of United States soldier, earning numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Combat Infantry Badge; Parachute Badge; Air Assault Badge; Driver’s Mechanic Badge‑‑with Driver‑‑Tracked Vehicles; and Weapons Qualification: M4, expert; and

Whereas, on July 15, 2010, at the age of thirty‑two, Sergeant First Class Jarrell lost his life for the cause of freedom, dying in Kandahar, Afghanistan, from wounds sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device; and

Whereas, there is no greater or more courageous sacrifice a man can make than to lay down his life for a noble cause, as Sergeant First Class John H. Jarrell has done, and to honor his valor, Sergeant First Class Jarrell has been named a recipient of the Lieutenant Governor’s Palmetto Patriot Award, given by former Lieutenant Governor André Bauer; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly counts it a great privilege to remember Sergeant First Class John H. Jarrell, one of the Palmetto State’s finest, and the members with one voice offer their grateful thanks to Almighty God for the service and ultimate sacrifice of this heroic son of South Carolina. 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, honor and remember the supreme sacrifice made by Sergeant First Class John H. Jarrell of the United States Army while he was serving a tour of military duty in Afghanistan, and express to his family the deepest appreciation of a grateful State and nation for his life, sacrifice, and service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Sergeant First Class John H. Jarrell.

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