**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR NEWBERRY COUNTY SHERIFF LEE FOSTER AND HIS STAFF FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK IN APPREHENDING A TEENAGE MURDER SUSPECT FROM TENNESSEE AND TO EXPRESS DEEP GRATITUDE FOR THEIR MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly were pleased and proud to learn of the exceptional work of Newberry’s Sheriff Lee Foster and his staff in apprehending a teenage murder suspect from Tennessee, as well as the three friends who accompanied the suspect; and

Whereas, on Thursday, April 3, 2014, following a twelve‑hour manhunt in a wooded area in South Carolina, Sheriff Foster and his team took into custody four teenagers, one of them a sixteen‑year‑old who allegedly had shot and killed his thirty‑six‑year‑old father in Greeneville, Tennessee, the previous evening; and

Whereas, all the teenagers were armed and had weapons in their vehicle; and

Whereas, on the previous day, a deputy in South Carolina had spotted the suspects’ vehicle, and a chase ensued. Police spiked the tires of the teens’ vehicle, prompting the suspects to flee on foot into the woods off United States Highway 176 and South Carolina State Highway 34 in Newberry; and

Whereas, having seen the suspects on the news and having recognized them when he saw them on his farm, a Newberry County resident pointed officers in the right direction, thereby enabling officers to locate the teens; and

Whereas, the hunt involved more than one hundred law enforcement officers on the ground and in the air, and Sheriff Foster gave full credit to them and to citizens who helped break the case; and

Whereas, grateful for their impressive work on behalf of the citizens of this State, the members of the General Assembly take great pleasure in saluting Newberry County Sheriff Lee Foster and his fine staff and in wishing them much continued success in the years to come. 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 honor Newberry County Sheriff Lee Foster and his staff for their outstanding work in apprehending a teenage murder suspect from Tennessee and express deep gratitude for their meritorious service to the citizens of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sheriff Lee Foster.

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