**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 81 IN ANDERSON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH MASTERS BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF ANDERSON TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE TOWN OF IVA “DEPUTY J. ALEX BURDETTE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, Deputy James Alexander Burdette was born in Anderson County on May 14, 1977, the son of the late Preston Burdette; and

Whereas, he was a graduate of Crescent High School, and faithfully served his country for four years as a member of the United States Marines; and

Whereas, for four years he distinguished himself by wearing the badge of the Anderson County Sheriff’s Office; and

Whereas, on Saturday, March 12, 2005, Deputy Burdett tragically lost his life from injuries he sustained on the previous day when he was struck by a vehicle on South Carolina Highway 81 in Anderson County as he directed traffic at the scene of a disabled vehicle; and

Whereas, he leaves to mourn his loss, wife Nichole Blackwell Burdette, their daughters, Kaylee Alexis and Karlee Paige, and a host of other relatives and friends; and

Whereas, Deputy Burdette was a loving husband, wonderful father, and a dedicated servant to his country and Anderson County; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to preserve his legacy by naming a portion of South Carolina Highway 81 in Anderson County in his honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of South Carolina Highway 81 in Anderson County from its intersection with Masters Boulevard in the City of Anderson to its intersection with the southern boundary of the Town of Iva “Deputy J. Alex Burdette Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this highway that contain this designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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