COMMITTEE REPORT

February 11, 2015

**S. 346**

Introduced by Senators Leatherman, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Bright, Bryant, Campbell, Campsen, Cleary, Coleman, Corbin, Courson, Cromer, Davis, Fair, Gregory, Grooms, Hayes, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kimpson, Lourie, Malloy, L. Martin, S. Martin, Massey, Matthews, McElveen, Nicholson, O’Dell, Peeler, Pinckney, Rankin, Reese, Sabb, Scott, Setzler, Shealy, Sheheen, Thurmond, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young

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Read the first time January 15, 2015.

**THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (S. 346)

to award the South Carolina Medal of Valor to those South Carolinians who lost their lives while serving in the armed forces during the Global War, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

WILLIAM H. O'DELL for Committee.

**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO AWARD THE SOUTH CAROLINA MEDAL OF VALOR TO THOSE SOUTH CAROLINIANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.

Whereas, men and women throughout South Carolina have placed themselves in harm’s way to protect and secure our country’s freedom and way of life; and

Whereas, to recognize the extraordinary heroism and sacrifice of the brave men and women who pay the ultimate price in service of our Nation and our great State, the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina established the Medal of Valor which is awarded on behalf of the people of the State of South Carolina and is presented to the families of fallen South Carolina service members; and

Whereas, in 2013 and 2014, the following South Carolina service men and women have lost their lives during the Global War on Terrorism:

SPC Ember M. Alt

CPT James E. Chaffin III

SSG Girard “Jerry” D. Gass, Jr.

Whereas, may we never forget these service men and women and always remain vigilantly grateful for their sacrifice. In honor of these brave men and women, it is just and proper for the members of the South Carolina General Assembly to award these South Carolinians with the South Carolina Medal of Valor. 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, award the South Carolina Medal of Valor to these South Carolinians who gladly gave all in defense of our Nation and great State while serving in the armed forces during the Global War on Terrorism.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the families of the fallen service men and women honored by this resolution.

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