**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PATROLMAN FIRST CLASS SHON MCCLUSKEY OF THE MYRTLE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE FORCE AND TO HIS SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED THE MYRTLE BEACH ROTARY CLUB 2016 OFFICER JOE MCGARRY MEMORIAL POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Patrolman First Class (Pfc.) Shon McCluskey has been selected as Myrtle Beach Rotary Club 2016 Officer Joe McGarry Memorial Police Officer of the Year; and

Whereas, currently assigned to the Traffic Unit, Pfc. McCluskey displays the character and morals upon which this award was founded. He is tasked with roadway safety, investigation of collisions, strict enforcement of the law regarding impaired drivers, and the reduction of collisions by public education and proactive enforcement; and

Whereas, a veteran of eighteen years’ experience with the Myrtle Beach Police Department, Shon has received extensive training. He has completed all requirements for becoming a TSO officer while in the Traffic Unit, a goal most traffic officers strive for but only a few obtain. In addition, over the past eight years he has taught his fellow officers, as well as officers from surrounding agencies, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and DUI Enforcement. He also routinely teaches classes for the Citizens Police Academy; and

Whereas, Shon, who is well respected by his colleagues, has been the driving force of motivation and leadership to his peers over the past year, as when he has been asked to run his shift when his direct supervisor was unavailable; and

Whereas, in 2015, the service year upon which Shon’s McGarry award is based, he answered more than thirteen hundred calls for service, conducted nine hundred traffic stops, worked 258 collisions, and made 121 DUI arrests. It is impossible to measure the number of lives he has saved by getting impaired drivers off our roadways; and

Whereas, the McGarry award is not the first honor Pfc. McCluskey has received for excellence in his duties. In a 2015 statewide ceremony, he was named Officer of the Year for his efforts to enforce the state’s laws on driving under the influence. He was one of five officers so honored, based on the sizes of their police agencies. Awarding officials noted that Pfc. McCluskey had made one hundred five DUI arrests in the previous year; and

Whereas, his ability to maintain his cool and understand what needs to be done in critical situations has been an inspiration to Shon McCluskey’s younger officers and his unit. He bears the professionalism and persona of a great police officer; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates Pfc. Shon McCluskey’s dedicated service in protecting the citizens of Horry County and the State of South Carolina, as well as visitors to our great State, and the members congratulate him on receiving this well‑deserved award. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Patrolman First Class Shon McCluskey of the Myrtle Beach Police Department for outstanding service to the force and to his surrounding community and congratulate him on being named the Myrtle Beach Rotary Club 2016 Officer Joe McGarry Memorial Police Officer of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Patrolman First Class Shon McCluskey.

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