

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE CONVENTION**

**REMEMBERING FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND
HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

Passed by the State Executive Committee – January 24, 2015

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention has a long-established commitment to promoting public safety in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention recognizes the price paid by its law enforcement heroes, including three law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in South Carolina in 2014:

- Investigator Holmes Smith of the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office, lost in the line of duty on Wednesday, November 5, 2014
- Patrolman Robert Blajszczak of the Summerville Police Department, lost in the line of duty on Sunday, October 26, 2014
- Deputy Sheriff Joseph Matuskovic of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, lost in the line of duty on Monday, September 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, there are recent reports of gangs brazenly threatening the lives of law enforcement officers in Chester County following the murder of a member of Chester City Council; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention prays for the recovery of the son of former Lancaster County Republican Party Chairman Sandy McGarry, a Sheriff's Deputy in Lancaster County, who was brutally attacked by a suspect earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention wishes to honor those who have sacrificed in the line of duty, as well as their families and thank them for what they do on the job to keep our communities and state safe; therefore be it

RESOLVED,

- That the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention wishes to extend its deepest appreciation to those who serve in law enforcement roles in South Carolina, as well as the friends and family who support them; and
- That the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention wishes to remember those lost in the line of duty and honor their sacrifices, as well as extend our gratitude to their families for their service; and
- That the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention stands fully behind those brave law enforcement heroes who do so much to keep our communities safe; and
- That South Carolina Republican Party State Convention commends its elected Republican Sheriffs and their staffs for the work they do; and
- That the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention calls upon elected officials at the federal, state and local levels to ensure our communities are kept safer and our law enforcement officers are well-supported in their work.