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1 **R2021-17: RECOGNIZING MYRTLE BEACH POLICE OFFICERS, KILLED**  
2 **IN THE LINE OF DUTY, PATROL OFFICER HENRY SCARBOROUGH ON**  
3 **MARCH 2, 1949, PATROLMAN FIRST CLASS JOE MCGARRY, ON**  
4 **DECEMBER 29, 2002, AND PATROLMAN JABOB HANCHER ON**  
5 **OCTOBER 3, 2020, AND DEDICATING AN INTERSECTION, ROADWAY,**  
6 **AND OVERPASS IN HONOR AND FOR PURPOSE.**

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7 **Applicant/Purpose:** Staff / to dedicate an intersection, roadway, and overpass in  
8 honor of three MBPD officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

9 **Brief:**

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- 11 • MBPD has lost three (3) officers in the line of duty.
    - 12 ○ Henry Scarborough - March 2, 1949
    - 13 ○ Joe McGarry - December 29, 2002
    - 14 ○ Jacob Hancher - October 3, 2020
  - 15 • Many communities across the country honor fallen officers by renaming sections  
16 of roadways, intersections, or overpasses to memorialize fallen officers.

17 **Issues:**

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- 19 • This Resolution does the following:
    - 20 ○ The intersection of Hwy 501 and Broadway would be dedicated to Police  
21 Officer Henry Scarborough.
    - 22 ○ Corsair Street would be renamed Joe McGarry Way in memory of Joe  
23 McGarry.
    - 24 ○ The Hwy. 17 overpass on Harrelson Blvd., would be dedicated to Jacob  
25 Hancher.

26 **Public Notification:** Normal meeting notification.

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28 **Alternatives:** N/A

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30 **Financial Impact:** N/A

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32 **Manager's Recommendation:**

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35 **Attachment(s):** Resolution

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**RESOLUTION R2021-17**

**CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH            )  
COUNTY OF HORRY                )  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA        )**     **RECOGNIZING MYRTLE BEACH POLICE  
OFFICERS, KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY,  
PATROL OFFICER HENRY SCARBOROUGH  
ON MARCH 2, 1949, PATROLMAN FIRST  
CLASS JOE MCGARRY, ON DECEMBER 29,  
2002, AND PATROLMAN JACOB HANCHER  
ON OCTOBER 3, 2020, AND DEDICATING AN  
INTERSECTION, ROADWAY, AND OVERPASS  
IN HONOR AND FOR PURPOSE.**

WHEREAS, Police Officer Henry Scarborough was hired as a police officer for the Myrtle Beach police department in March of 1949. He was a US Army Veteran and survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, three grandchildren, and two sisters. He was fatally shot and killed while he and his partner transported a suspect to police headquarters. The officers had arrested the man at a local poolroom after receiving complaints that the man was brandishing a gun. When the officers arrived they confiscated a handgun from the man and placed him in the backseat of their patrol car. As they drove to the police station the subject produced a second, concealed handgun. The man shot Officer Scarborough in the head and then shot the other officer four times as the officer dove out of the patrol car. The second officer was able to return fire from outside of the patrol car and wounded the man. The man was taken into custody and charged with Officer Scarborough's murder. The intersection of Highway 501 and Broadway is proposed to be dedicated in memory of Patrol Officer Henry Scarborough.

WHEREAS, Patrolman First Class Joe McGarry, a native of Hartford, Connecticut, was hired in 1999 as an officer with the Myrtle Beach Police Department and a member of the Street Crimes Unit. PFC. He was survived by his parents and his fiancé. PFC. Joe McGarry was shot and killed when he and his partner attempted to talk to a murder suspect at a restaurant on North Kings Highway. The officers were inside a restaurant when they observed the man whom they recognized as being a suspect in a homicide that occurred about one month earlier. When the man exited the restaurant PFC. McGarry engaged him in conversation. Believing him to be armed, PFC. McGarry told him he was going to pat him down. The subject then turned and began to walk away while reaching for his waistband. As PFC. McGarry attempted to stop him the man pulled out a .45 caliber handgun and shot him in the face. PFC. McGarry's partner returned fire, striking the suspect in the leg. The suspect was later apprehended. The roadway, Corsair Street is proposed to be renamed as PFC. Joe McGarry Way and dedicated in memory of PFC. Joe McGarry.

WHEREAS, Patrolman Jacob Hancher, a native of Silver Spring, Maryland was hired in 2015 as a Community Service Officer for the Myrtle Beach Police Department. He began his career as a police officer in 2020 when he graduated the SC Criminal Justice Academy. He was a member of the Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Station 3 prior to moving to Myrtle Beach and became a member of the Horry County Fire Rescue, Station 45. He was a true believer and an intentional heart. He is survived by his parents and siblings and an extended family. Ptl. Hancher was shot and killed as he and other officers responded to a domestic incident at an apartment in the 400 block of 14th Avenue South. A man opened fire on the officers, killing Ptl. Hancher and wounding a second officer. The subject was found deceased a short time later. The overpass of Harrelson Boulevard is proposed to be dedicated in memory of Ptl. Jacob Hancher.

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SIGNED, SEALED and DATED, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

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BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK