

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH



## IN RECOGNITION OF JASE SKEWS FOR HIS JACOB HANCHER MEMORIAL FUNDRAISING WORK

WHEREAS, Jase Skews, age 13, is an eighth grader at Myrtle Beach Middle School who plays lacrosse, surfs, like to build things and consistently makes the A-B Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, Jase's grandfather, Richard Drew, is a former Myrtle Beach police officer, and Jase has long been interested in law enforcement and support for police officers, including "Backing the Blue" and respecting first responders; and

WHEREAS, Young Jase wanted to do something to remember Myrtle Beach Police Officer Jacob Hancher, who was killed in the line of duty, and so he worked with retired Myrtle Beach police officers Joe Vella and Davis Cooke and his grandfather to begin fundraising for a memorial to Officer Hancher, whom he knew by sight from service at his school, but never knew in person; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to a group photo at the Law Enforcement Center and a Facebook post about Jase Skews' goal, the fundraising effort began in earnest, generating more than \$7,000 the first week and more than \$14,000 to date from generous community support; and

WHEREAS, Through the heartfelt efforts of Jase Skews and many others, Officer Jacob Hancher will have a permanent memorial and lasting remembrance at the Myrtle Beach Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Myrtle Beach City Council hereby praises and applauds Jase Skews for his support of our law enforcement officers and first responders and for his thoughtful and generous efforts to provide needed financial backing for a permanent memorial at the Ted C. Collins Law Enforcement Center for Myrtle Beach Police Officer Jacob Hancher.

*Signed and sealed this 10th day of November 2020.*



*Brenda Bethune*  
BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

*Jennifer Adkins*  
JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK