**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHIEF LARUE HENDRIX OF THE WEST FLORENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER OVER FORTY‑THREE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Chief Larue Hendrix of the West Florence Fire Department for his significant contributions to the Florence community; and

Whereas, Chief Hendrix has served with the West Florence Fire Department since 1974. He concluded his over forty‑three year tenure on August 31, 2017, with his retirement; and

Whereas, he began his career as a volunteer firefighter. Due to the growth of the department and the increasing call volume, it was determined that Chief Hendrix should serve the department on a full‑time basis. He ultimately took over as Chief of Department in a part time capacity in 2005 and became the first career fire chief to serve the West Florence Fire Department; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the years of dedication that Chief Hendrix has devoted to the West Florence Fire Department and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement; and

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Chief Larue Hendrix of the West Florence Fire Department upon the occasion of his retirement after over forty‑three years of outstanding service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Chief Larue Hendrix.

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