**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXTEND THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE TO LEROY RAVENELL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS BEING ELECTED SHERIFF OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT AS HE TAKES UP HIS NEW DUTIES.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Leroy Ravenell was elected the fifty‑second sheriff of Orangeburg County on January 25, 2011; and

Whereas, although this successful election represented his first run for office, Leroy Ravenell is no stranger to law enforcement; and

Whereas, a native and lifelong resident of Orangeburg County’s Santee community, Sheriff Ravenell attended the public schools of Holly Hill before beginning an extensive career in law enforcement more than twenty‑three years ago. Seeing his vocation as a special calling for his life, he quickly learned the significance of his duty to enforce laws in the spirit of his life’s philosophy, “Be Firm, Be Fair, and Be Consistent”; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, in 2006 he graduated magna cum laude from Claflin University in Orangeburg with a bachelor’s degree in sociology/criminal justice, followed by post‑graduate studies at Troy University in Alabama. He completed his master’s degree in criminal justice in 2007. Sheriff Ravenell now serves Claflin as an adjunct professor in the Department of Sociology/Criminal Justice; and

Whereas, a man of faith and a devoted member of the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, he affirms his responsibility to his Creator to set and uphold standards in every aspect of his life, and God has blessed him with the ability to reach people regardless of their ethnicity, background, or social standing; and

Whereas, Sheriff Ravenell holds membership in the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association, Palmetto State Law Enforcement Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police, South Carolina Association for Public‑Safety Communications Officials, Edisto Lodge #39, and the Robert S. Wilkinson Consistory #220. He is a lifetime member of the NAACP and a mentor in Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5. In addition, he serves on the Law and Public Safety Advisory Board at the Technology Center for Orangeburg School District 5 and is a board member of A Servant’s Touch Outreach and Support Ministries; and

Whereas, at home, he finds strength for his work in the support of his wife, the former Angela Brodrick, and his three children, daughter LeQuinta and sons Xavier Justin and Avery Chandlier; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate takes great pleasure in congratulating Leroy Ravenell on his latest achievement, election as Orangeburg County’s fifty-second sheriff, and the members wish him all the best at his new post in days to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, extend the congratulations of the South Carolina Senate to Leroy Ravenell on the occasion of his being elected sheriff of Orangeburg County, and wish him much success and fulfillment as he takes up his new duties.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sheriff Leroy Ravenell.

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