**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RANDY L. POTTS, CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER FOR A MULTINATIONAL ORGANIZATION, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING AND EXTENSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS 2020 SOUTHERN REGION BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Randy L. Potts of Dorchester County was honored as the 2020 Southern Region Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Alumnus of the Year; and

Whereas, the Regional Alumnus of the Year Award recognizes individuals both for distinction in their professions and communities and for volunteer time and energy to the BSA, leaders who have maintained a lifetime relationship with Scouting, enabling Scouting to stay healthy for future generations; and

Whereas, the award itself features an acorn as a reminder that Scouts and Scouters plant trees under which they may never sit, in much the same way as those who promote and share the gift of Scouting through their careers, their avocations, and their influence; and

Whereas, Mr. Potts earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in business, both in information security from Western Governors University, and he served in the United States Navy as an intelligence specialist, which led him into a vocation focusing on cybercrime and cyberterrorism prevention; and

Whereas, he is a founding member of the InfraGard‑National Members Alliance program initiated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a private/public partnership designed to facilitate information sharing and intelligence between businesses, academic institutions, state and local law enforcement agencies, and others dedicated to prevent hostile cyber acts against the United States; and

Whereas, since its inception in 1996, Mr. Potts has been instrumental in the growth of InfraGard to more than fifty thousand members nationwide; and

Whereas, a recipient of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, he serves as a member of the Coastal Carolina Council executive board and the national committee for NESA and Scouting Alumni and Friends, where he is instrumental in the management of social media channels; as CEO and chairman of the National Organization of Sea Scout Alumni; and is currently the National Council representative and the Council’s Centennial Celebration chairman; and

Whereas, Mr. Potts has been honored with the Silver Antelope and Silver Beaver awards; Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow; Good Shepherd, Baptist religious award; Sea Scout Leadership Award at the Council and Area levels; as a NESA and Scouting Alumnus Legacy Society Founding Fellow; Second Century ‑ lifetime investor; and a World Baden‑Powell Fellow; and

Whereas, among his numerous community commitments, Mr. Potts served two terms as the state commissioner for the South Carolina Commission on National and Community Service, appointed by then Governor Nikki Haley, and as the immediate past president for the Fort Sumter‑Fort Moultrie Historical Trust, his efforts to upgrade the parks’ monument status of the properties resulted in congressional ratification to national park designation; and

Whereas, he and his beloved wife, Kimberley, have managed to find time to rear eight fine children who have blessed their parents with the affection of four adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate values the meaningful contributions of leaders like Randy Potts providing profound guidance for young people who are the future of our State, and the members celebrate with him as he and his family are recognized during the 2020 Boy Scouts of America National Annual Meeting this year near the nation’s capital. Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Randy L. Potts, Chief Information Security Officer for a multinational organization, for his outstanding and extensive contributions to the Boy Scouts of America and congratulate him upon receiving the prestigious 2020 Southern Region Boy Scouts of America Alumnus of the Year award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Randy L. Potts.

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