**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE VERGIL A. DEAS OF SUMMERVILLE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS FAMILY COURT FIRST ASSISTANT SOLICITOR FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT SOLICITOR’S OFFICE, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS TWENTY‑THREE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in its deliberations to express its gratitude to Vergil A. Deas of Summerville for his outstanding contributions to the First Circuit Solicitor’s Office in Dorchester County; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, the young Vergil Deas earned his bachelor’s degree in political science at the College of Charleston, followed by a master’s degree in public administration, for which he studied at the College of Charleston and the University of South Carolina. He received his Juris Doctor from North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham; and

Whereas, Mr. Deas first took up his duties at the First Circuit Solicitor’s Office in 1993 as an assistant solicitor in cases tried in the Court of General Sessions, and he served in that position for several years. In 1998, he transitioned to serving as an assistant solicitor for the First Circuit Solicitor’s Office in cases heard by the Family Court and has served there diligently and with distinction for more than two decades; and

Whereas, in addition, he has served as an adjunct professor for Trident Technical College’s paralegal program (2006‑2012) and has served since 2002 as a part‑time municipal judge for the Town of Lincolnville; and

Whereas, Vergil Deas believes strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community in several capacities. These include service at New Ashley Baptist Church, where he is vice chair of the Deacon Ministry, an adult Bible study teacher, an adult Sunday school teacher, director of choirs, and member of the Brotherhood Ministry. Previously, he served as mock trial coach at Summerville High School, mentor at Alston Middle School, and member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and

Whereas, on December 10, 2021, Vergil Deas will retire from his position as Family Court assistant solicitor for the First Judicial Circuit; and

Whereas, grateful for the passion and commitment Vergil A. Deas has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina, the House extends to him best wishes for a contented retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Vergil A. Deas of Summerville upon the occasion of his retirement as Family Court First Assistant Solicitor for the First Circuit Solicitor’s Office, commend him for his twenty‑three years of dedicated service, and wish him much continued success and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Vergil A. Deas.

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