**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE THE LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ON BEING RECERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, INC.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate was pleased to learn that the Lexington Police Department was recertified by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), on March 24, 2012; and

Whereas, CALEA was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement’s major executive associations; and

Whereas, its purpose is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by maintaining a body of standards covering a wide range of up‑to‑date public safety initiatives, establishing and administering an accreditation process, and recognizing professional excellence; and

Whereas, its standards require an agency to develop a comprehensive, well‑thought‑out, uniform set of written directives; provide the necessary reports and analyses a CEO needs to make fact‑based, informed management decisions; and put in place a preparedness program for immediate addressing of critical incidents; and

Whereas, these measures are a means for developing or improving an agency’s relationship with the community. They also strengthen an agency’s accountability, possibly limit its liability and risk exposure, and facilitate its pursuit of professional excellence; and

Whereas, in earning this prestigious accreditation, the Lexington Police Department has voluntarily demonstrated its commitment to excellence in law enforcement. Grateful for this consistent dedication, the Senate salutes the agency on behalf of the people of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, commend and congratulate the Lexington Police Department on being recertified by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Lexington Police Department.

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