**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TIMOTHY M. JAMES OF LEXINGTON COUNTY FOR HIS YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH CARE, AND IN MANY LEXINGTON COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate pause in their deliberations to commend Timothy M. James for his years of dedication and significant service to the citizens of the Midlands and for the standard of excellence he has brought to his work; and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Southwest University and finished numerous studies at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, the United States Department of Homeland Security, the United States Naval Postgraduate Monterrey School, the University of South Carolina College of Public Health, the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, and the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy (SCCJA); and

Whereas, from 1995 to 1999, Mr. James served as the director of public safety for the Cayce Department of Public Safety, directing all public safety operations for the municipal agency, including law enforcement, fire suppression, and emergency preparedness, and for his work he received the 1999 Law Enforcement Agency of Excellence Award and the 1998 South Carolina Municipal Achievement Award; and

Whereas, he served the Lexington County Sheriff’s Department as assistant sheriff and director of public safety from 1999 to 2005, supervising all aspects of departmental operations, including law enforcement, emergency preparedness, and corrections, for which he received the 2001 Crime Prevention Award, the 2004 Law Enforcement Agency of Excellence Award, and the 2004 J. Mitchell Graham Award for County Achievement; and

Whereas, he served as the director of Public Safety for Lexington Medical Center from 2005 to 2008, where he managed all aspects of public safety and security for the multi‑site facility; and

Whereas, from 2008 to 2009, he served as the assistant director for operations South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), supervising daily operations for the entire agency consisting of 625 employees and having responsibility for statewide criminal investigations and homeland‑security initiatives; and

Whereas, since 2009, he has served as the vice president/executive director of the Lexington Medical Center Foundation overseeing all its activities for eleemosynary organizations; and

Whereas, under his leadership, Lexington Medical Center has significantly increased foundation membership at all levels, increased profitability levels of speaker‑series events by over two hundred percent, and improved technology use and office efficiency to maximize donor contributions; and

Whereas, Mr. James’ numerous awards include the 1990 City of Cayce Employee of the Year, the 2002 Lexington County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and the 2003 Strom Thurmond Award of Excellence in Law Enforcement; and in 2004, Governor Mark Sanford conferred on him the Order of the Silver Crescent; and

Whereas, he is a member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association and served as its president in 2006 and chair of its Strategic Planning Committee in 2008; in 1998, he served as the president of the FBI National Academy Associates for South Carolina, and the board chair of Crimestoppers of the Midlands in 2000 and 2004; and

Whereas, having a strong commitment to his community, he was elected in 2010 to serve as a council member for the City of Cayce, and in 2005 he served as the chairman of Leadership Lexington County; he also serves on the Congaree State Bank Advisory Board, as the chair of the West Metro Mayors Prayer Breakfast, and as a deacon at Trinity Baptist Church; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the outstanding commitment and dedication that Timothy James has brought to law enforcement, public safety, and health care in his local community and in our State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Timothy M. James of Lexington County for his years of professional leadership in law enforcement, public safety, health care, and in many Lexington community and civic organizations.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Timothy M. James.

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