**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHIEF DEPUTY DWAYNE COURTNEY OF THE AIKEN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR THIRTY‑FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO WISH HIM WELL IN HIS NEW ROLE AS THE CHIEF OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR WACKENHUT SERVICES, INC. (WSI), AT THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that on April 25, 2013, Chief Deputy Dwayne Courtney of the Aiken County Sheriff’s Office will become the chief of law enforcement for WSI at the Savannah River Site, which provides security at the facility; and

Whereas, born and reared in Aiken where his parents still reside, he first experienced a career in public service at the age of fourteen, working with a local volunteer fire department. He has now spent thirty‑four years in law enforcement; and

Whereas, after graduating from Aiken High School, Dwayne Courtney entered the United States Army and served his country with distinction in the Military Police Corps; and

Whereas, he completed his military service in 1982 and joined the Aiken Department of Public Safety, where his first sidearm was a six‑shot revolver and when newly issued walkie‑talkies were large, cumbersome devices that were too unfamiliar for use; and

Whereas, for more than twenty years, he served the Aiken Department of Public Safety as methods improved and equipment advanced. He worked in narcotics, evidence management, major crimes, and death investigations and became captain of the investigations division in 1999; and

Whereas, in 2003, he was asked to become the chief deputy of the Aiken County Sheriff’s Office with daily oversight of all divisions of the agency and detention center, which included responsibility for two hundred sixty employees, three hundred inmates, and a budget of about fourteen million dollars; and

Whereas, Chief Courtney has served the Sheriff’s Office as he would his own family, but he still finds time to enjoy cooking, working on his farm, and spending time with his dogs; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Page, he reared five fine children, who are now blessing their parents with the joy of having grandchildren; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the dedicated service that Chief Courtney has given to the Aiken County Sheriff’s Office for more than ten years, and the members look to hear of his continued success as he assumes responsibility as the chief of law enforcement for WSI at the Savannah River Site. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Chief Deputy Dwayne Courtney of the Aiken County Sheriff’s Office for thirty‑four years of outstanding service in law enforcement, and wish him well in his new role as the chief of law enforcement for Wackenhut Services, Inc. (WSI), at the Savannah River Site.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Chief Deputy Dwayne Courtney.

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