**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PICKENS COUNTY SHERIFF C. DAVID STONE, FOR HIS LONG AND DEDICATED SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OVER THE PAST FORTY‑FOUR YEARS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that the South Carolina General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to commend the commitment of such devoted members of law enforcement as Pickens County Sheriff C. David Stone; and

Whereas, Sheriff Stone has served as sheriff of Pickens County since 1969, serving longer than any active sheriff in the State and the second longest‑sitting sheriff in the United States; and

Whereas, a graduate of the FBI National Academy, he has served as the president of the South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association and on the board of the Sheriffs’ Association as its secretary/treasurer for over twenty‑five years; and

Whereas, from 1991 to 1992, he served as the president of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers’ Association; and

Whereas, his significant contributions to law enforcement in the Palmetto State have been honored with numerous awards, including the Sheriff of the Year in 1975 and 1981, the Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement, and the Order of the Palmetto, the state’s highest civilian honor; and

Whereas, the Pickens County Sheriff’s Office was awarded the Southern Bell Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement which recognized Sheriff Stone’s outstanding cooperation with and assistance to other law enforcement agencies; and

Whereas, to allow South Carolina youth the opportunity to “explore” a career in law enforcement, he provided the necessary resources and support to develop a law enforcement explorer post that can attract quality officers in the future; and

Whereas, in a demonstration of his commitment to education and excellence in the law enforcement profession, he established a scholarship fund for personnel and their children in the Pickens County Sheriff’s Office to promote the image, skills, and benefits of law enforcement, which has awarded over $248,000 in scholarships to date; and

Whereas, Sheriff Stone has contributed considerable time and outstanding service to such community endeavors as the hospital fitness trail, the heart fund, Honor Flight, and he is a member of the Shriners; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is grateful for the long and dedicated leadership of Sheriff David Stone which has exemplified the highest degree of excellence in law enforcement to the benefit of our citizens and communities. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Pickens County Sheriff C. David Stone, for his long and dedicated service and outstanding contributions to law enforcement for the past forty‑four years.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sheriff C. David Stone.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑