**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHIEF LEROY SEARCEY, JR., OF THE BOILING SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THIRTY‑TWO YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO THE PALMETTO STATE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the dedication and sacrifice that fire fighters and other first responders in our State provide in protecting our citizens and ensuring safe communities in which to live; and

Whereas, Leroy Searcey, Jr., joined the Boiling Springs Fire Department in 1982, which began as a small rural volunteer department, and worked his way through the ranks to become the volunteer fire chief in 1994; and

Whereas, through the years, Chief Searcey has served on the Spartanburg County Fire Service Task Force, helped to establish Spartanburg County Honor Guard on the Spartanburg County Fire Chief’s Association, and has reviewed and written policies on a state level for the State Fire Fighters Association Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, in October 1998, he became the first paid employee at Boiling Springs Fire Department; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Chief Searcey, the Boiling Springs Fire Department has grown from a volunteer department with no paid members to a department with twenty paid career fire fighters and approximately forty volunteers; and

Whereas, during his career, he has been responsible for overseeing the construction of two new stations as the Boiling Springs Fire Department grew with the community; and

Whereas, Chief Searcey has served his community on the board of directors of the Spartanburg County Boys Home and as a member of the Boiling Springs Lions Club, the Boiling Springs Chamber of Commerce, and the Boiling Springs Business Association; and

Whereas, he also has served as an advisor to the Boiling Springs Fire Department Explorer Post 203; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate Chief Searcey’s dedication and commitment to the Boiling Springs community and commend him for thirty‑two years of noteworthy achievements as a fire fighter for the Boiling Springs Fire Department. 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 Leroy Searcey, Jr., of the Boiling Springs Fire Department, for thirty‑two years of outstanding service to his community and to the Palmetto State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Chief Leroy Searcey, Jr.

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