**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOHN JOSEPH FECHTEL, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR LEXINGTON COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to John Joseph Fechtel for his significant contributions to Lexington County; and

Whereas, born in Waycross, Georgia, on December 12, 1948, he is the youngest of four children born to Dorothy and Gus Fechtel; and

Whereas, over thirty years ago, he came to reside in South Carolina and began serving the County of Lexington as an engineering associate in the office of Planning and Development in September 1988; and

Whereas, since then he has served the county as the director of public utilities, director of public works, director of public works and solid waste management, and director of public works/assistant county administrator; and

Whereas, since 2012, he has served as deputy county administrator, and under his leadership, a $1.8 million water-line expansion was coordinated from the West Columbia Water Plant on Old Cherokee Road to Water Tank Road and the sewer force main from the Two Notch Road Sewer Plant on US 378 to Saluda County and Lake Murray; and

Whereas, a devoted member of St. Albans Episcopal Church in Lexington, he serves the congregation as an usher and greeter; and

Whereas, he and his beloved wife, Mary, have been married for almost twenty-eight years, and he has two fine children, Laurie and Jim, and one step-daughter, Lisa. They have blessed Mary and John with four adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, he plans to spend many happy hours of retirement in traveling and boating after he has completed the lake-cabin project and his “honey-do” list which is three years in arrears; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the faithful years of service that John Fechtel has devoted to the citizens of Lexington County and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor John Joseph Fechtel, Deputy County Administrator for Lexington County, upon the occasion of his retirement after twenty five years of outstanding service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to John Joseph Fechtel.

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