**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR CAMDEN CITY COUNCILMEMBER X. WILLARD POLK ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM CITY COUNCIL, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the South Carolina Senate honor individuals who give of their time and resources for the good of others; and

Whereas, Camden City Councilmember X. Willard Polk has contributed four years of valuable public service to the citizens of the Palmetto State and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, elected to Camden City Council in November 2010, X. Willard Polk served the citizens of Camden as a councilmember until November 2014; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, Willard Polk graduated from the University of South Carolina. Originally from Beaufort, he has lived in Camden since 1972; and

Whereas, he retired from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division after serving first as director of administration and later as a special agent. In addition, he served almost thirty‑two years in the South Carolina Army National Guard, with service as an Army Corps of Engineers officer in various command and staff positions that brought him recognition for meritorious service on numerous occasions. Retiring as a colonel, he then continued service in the inactive U.S. Army Reserve until 2003; and

Whereas, Mr. Polk was appointed to the City of Camden’s Parks and Streets Commission in 2003 (chairman, 2004‑2010). During that period, the commission raised over $300,000 in grants and private contributions. Following his service on the Camden Parks and Streets Commission, Willard Polk was elected to Camden City Council; and

Whereas, Mr. Polk’s service with other organizations has been extensive and includes membership with the former Camden Airport Commission, Historic Camden Foundation Board of Trustees (treasurer), South Carolina Archives and History Foundation (chairman and secretary‑treasurer), and Kershaw County Sheriff’s Foundation (founding member and treasurer); and

Whereas, currently, he serves as treasurer of the Camden Tree Foundation (past president), and he is a founding member of the Army Engineer Association’s Palmetto Chapter and presently serves as its CFO. Further, he is a member of Grace Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, Willard Polk is married to Kay (Nutting), a native of Camden and a graduate of Columbia College; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like X. Willard Polk who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor Camden City Councilmember X. Willard Polk on the occasion of his retirement from city council, thank him for his years of outstanding public service to the people of South Carolina, and wish him much success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to X. Willard Polk.

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