**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHIEF SAUNDRA RHODES OF THE HORRY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR TWENTY‑ONE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR THE CITIZENS OF OUR GREAT STATE.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in their deliberations to express their deep appreciation to Chief Saundra Rhodes for her exemplary career in law enforcement; and

Whereas, after earning a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina, she began a career with the Horry County Police Department in 1993; and

Whereas, Chief Rhodes’ first assignment was as an undercover narcotics agent: a substitute teacher with the Horry County School District by day, and by night an undercover narcotics officer purchasing drugs from drug dealers all over Horry County; and

Whereas, after working for one year in undercover narcotics enforcement, she served three years as a plain clothes narcotics detective; and

Whereas, working her way up through the ranks of the Horry County Police Department with distinction, Chief Rhodes has held the rank of sergeant, lieutenant, and captain throughout every division of the department; and

Whereas, she earned a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati and has served as an adjunct professor teaching criminal justice at Horry Georgetown Technical College since 2009; and

Whereas, Chief Rhodes was appointed interim chief of police on February 17, 2012, and on September 21, 2012, she was appointed to the position of chief of police. Her favorite assignment has been community policing because she believes that community acceptance and assistance is essential to policing the public; and

Whereas, honored with the Motorola 2014 Women Law Enforcement Executive of the Year Award from the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE), Chief Rhodes is presently attending the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Virginia; and

Whereas, Chief Rhodes has been a member of NAWLEE since 2008, and she is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Waccamaw American Leadership Forum, the South Carolina Chiefs of Police Association, and Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church #1; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives deeply appreciates Chief Rhodes’ many noteworthy accomplishments, and the members look to hear of her continued success in the days ahead. 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 Saundra Rhodes of the Horry County Police Department for twenty‑one years of outstanding service in law enforcement for the citizens of our great State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Chief Saundra Rhodes.

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