**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JIMMY RAY SUTHERLAND OF ANDERSON COUNTY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE WITH THE IVA FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, in 1975, the young Jimmy Ray Sutherland began his career as a volunteer firefighter with the Iva Fire Department. From the beginning, he proved his selfless commitment to community service, a commitment that has never faltered throughout his life; and

Whereas, while serving as a volunteer firefighter, he also took up his duties as a police officer with the Town of Iva and in 1984 was appointed chief of police; and

Whereas, in 1992, after the death of Fire Chief Jones, Jimmy Ray Sutherland was selected to serve as the Iva Fire Department’s third chief, following the long careers of Chief Burdette and Chief Jones; and

Whereas, Chief Sutherland’s many achievements during his tenure include the relocation of the fire department from its original home on East Front Street to a much larger and more modern facility on Highway 81, as well as the replacement of fleet vehicles with more modern vehicles that provide safer and more reliable fire service to the community; and

Whereas, Chief Sutherland did not stand alone in serving the Town of Iva; his family contributed to his outstanding service by fully supporting him, especially his dear wife, Angie Sutherland, who has played an important role in the success of the Iva Fire Department by serving as its secretary for many years. This role she has filled with consistent dedication and loyalty to the department and to the community; and

Whereas, recently, having retired as Iva’s fire chief, Jimmy Ray Sutherland took on new responsibilities and challenges in another post, and the members of the House of Representatives wish to express their gratitude for his exemplary service to the people of Iva during his four decades as a firefighter there. His new colleagues are blessed to have him joining their ranks, and he will be missed by his colleagues and many friends in Iva. 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 Jimmy Ray Sutherland of Anderson County for his many years of dedicated service with the Iva Fire Department 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 Jimmy Ray Sutherland.

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