**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MAJOR WILLIAM POOLE OF FLORENCE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of Major William Poole, who will retire from his post as field operations major on April 15, 2016, after sixteen years of service; and

Whereas, from his youth, William Poole planned to be a South Carolina wildlife officer. The path of service he chose took him first to the Coast Guard, where he served seven years on active duty and two years in the reserves. Next, he worked for the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission (1990‑1997), followed by employment with Francis Marion University as a patrol officer. Ultimately, he joined the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and worked his way up to field operations major, in which capacity he supervised all law enforcement field operations for Region 2 and Region 4, covering twenty‑two counties and over one hundred officers and staff members; and

Whereas, William Poole’s life is driven by his priorities: number one, his faith in God; number two, his love of family; number three, his respect for the rule of law and order; and number four, his enjoyment of the great outdoors (especially South Carolina’s “turkey woods”). His friends will tell you he is a man of impeccable character who strives to do the “right” thing. Respect runs deep for Major Poole’s professionalism within the ranks of DNR and among the members of the Legislature; and

Whereas, William Poole believes strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community. He currently serves on the Southside Baptist Church Personnel Committee, Security Detail, Board of Deacons, and Teller Committee; and

Whereas, upon his retirement from the DNR, he is poised to write a new chapter in his life as director of security at HopeHealth, Inc., one of South Carolina’s fastest‑growing healthcare providers. There, he will be charged with building and managing systems to ensure safety and security for patients and staff, currently at more than ten locations throughout the Pee Dee; and

Whereas, at home, Major Poole is the proud husband of his lovely wife, Sharon, to whom he has been married thirty‑two years. He is the equally proud father of two beautiful daughters, Brittany and Courtney; and

Whereas, the General Assembly, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Major Poole has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement from his service with the DNR. The members trust he will find much fulfillment as he takes up new duties and challenges as director of security at HopeHealth. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Major William Poole of Florence upon the occasion of his retirement from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, thank him for his twenty-five years of outstanding public 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 Major William Poole.

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