**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR A. LEWIS MCCARTY FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS LEXINGTON COUNTY’S INTERIM CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

Whereas, on June 17, 2014, Governor Nikki R. Haley appointed A. Lewis McCarty to serve as interim sheriff of Lexington County; and

Whereas, taking immediate action, Sheriff McCarty worked to restore trust and confidence in the office of sheriff and brought immediate stability and integrity to the Lexington County Sheriff’s Department at a time of tumultuous change; and

Whereas, he instructed deputies to do their jobs unencumbered while serving to the best of their abilities, with a renewed emphasis on providing basic law enforcement services to taxpayers in Lexington County; and

Whereas, Sheriff McCarty worked in partnership with newly elected Lexington County Sheriff Bryan “Jay” Koon to ensure a smooth transition to Mr. Koon’s administration, which began upon his taking office as sheriff on April 24, 2015; and

Whereas, a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Lewis McCarty was one of the building blocks of the Sheriff’s Department while serving as assistant sheriff from 1972 until his retirement in 1999, and he proved his undying support for the men and women of the Sheriff’s Department; and

Whereas, Lewis McCarty played an instrumental role in implementing new technology and tools to solve criminal cases in South Carolina, including the use of behavioral science to profile and identify a serial murderer who later was convicted and executed for his crimes; and

Whereas, at home, Lewis McCarty is the proud husband of Gayle McCarty and the proud father of two children, Frances Gable (Rick) and Robert Johnson (Charley), who have given their parents the pleasure of four delightful grandchildren. As people of faith, the McCartys worship at Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church in West Columbia; and

Whereas, grateful for his commitment to protecting the citizens of South Carolina, most particularly those in Lexington County, the Senate takes great pleasure in saluting Lewis McCarty for his exemplary service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor A. Lewis McCarty for his distinguished service as Lexington County’s interim chief law enforcement officer.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Lewis McCarty.

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