**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHIEF OF POLICE BRIAN BUCK UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE IRMO POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS TWENTY‑FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, since 1991, the Town of Irmo has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of Irmo Chief of Police Brian Buck, who will retire from his post on May 15, 2015, after twenty‑four years of service; and

Whereas, Chief Buck began his career with the Town of Irmo as a Police Explorer while in high school. Upon completion of his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice at the University of South Carolina, in 1991, he was hired into the department as a patrol officer. In 1992, he graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, and he is a two‑time graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Carolina Command College. He also has become a certified interview specialist and hostage negotiator while serving with the department; and

Whereas, steadily rising through the ranks, Brian Buck became a corporal, investigator, sergeant, captain and, in early 2005, chief of police. During his tenure as chief, he has continued the Police Explorer program and implemented the use of computers in the patrol division for producing incident reports, traffic citations, and NCIC access. For his efforts to modernize the patrol division, the Irmo Police Department was nationally recognized with an Excellence Award by Tyler Technologies. Further, Chief Buck and the Irmo Police Department received a commendation from the Royal Metropolitan Police Department in London (New Scotland Yard) for their work in apprehending a wanted murderer who had fled to Irmo; and

Whereas, Chief Buck believes strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community, as well as the broader community of South Carolina, in several capacities. He currently serves on the Business Advisory Committee for School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee for both School District Five and Midlands Technical College. He is a member of the board of directors for the South Carolina Municipal Insurance and Risk Financing Fund and a member of the board of the Lake Murray‑Irmo Rotary Club. He serves on the Crimestoppers of the Midlands Board of Directors Executive Committee. In addition to other honors bestowed on him throughout his career, Chief Buck was recognized as the 2013 Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce Public Servant of the Year. A man of faith, Brian Buck is an active member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, a volunteer with Keep the Midlands Beautiful and Meals on Wheels, and an FAA‑certified commercial pilot; and

Whereas, at home, Chief Buck is the proud husband of Jacqueline and the equally proud father of Sarah, Shannon, Austin, and Michayla; and

Whereas, the Senate, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Chief Buck has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement and trusts he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Chief of Police Brian Buck upon the occasion of his retirement from the Irmo Police Department, thank him for his twenty‑four years of outstanding service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Irmo Chief of Police Brian Buck.

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