**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT FOR ITS PARTICIPATION ON THE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK DOCUMENTARY SERIES “LIVE PD” AND TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR THE LEGACY OF PROFESSIONALISM THE MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE SHOWCASED AND FOR THE PRESTIGE THIS HAS BROUGHT TO OUR GREAT STATE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate deem it absolutely fitting and appropriate to pause in their deliberations to applaud the Richland County Sheriff’s Department (RCSD) for its efforts to establish positive relationships within the community and for the recognition its participation in “Live PD” has brought to the department’s efficacy and professionalism; and

Whereas, *“*Live PD” is a documentary series on the Arts and Entertainment Network that follows law enforcement agencies and patrol officers nationwide. When the show premiered in October 2016, the Richland County Sheriff’s Department was one of only half a dozen agencies featured. It is now the only original agency to remain on the show since its inception; and

Whereas, originally only airing an episode on Friday nights, the show has since expanded and now airs two episodes per week. RCSD has become the face of “Live PD”, and because of the professionalism exhibited by the deputies of RCSD, “Live PD” has become a top‑rated show; and

Whereas, people of all ages and backgrounds watch the show, resulting in the fame of the deputies who are showcased on “Live PD”, not only locally, but throughout the United States; and

Whereas, using the show to demonstrate transparency in law enforcement, the RCSD has effectively displayed the true meaning of community policing and shown what good law enforcement looks like; and

Whereas, *“*Live PD”has also facilitated numerous fundraising efforts. Many organizations, including those devoted to cancer research, United Service Organizations, churches, and schools, have successfully auctioned off rides‑along with *“*Live PD” deputies, raising thousands of dollars for worthwhile causes; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the Richland County Sheriff’s Department’s commitment to the safety and security of the citizens of Richland County and wish the department much continued success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Richland County Sheriff’s Department for its participation on the Arts and Entertainment Network documentary series “Live PD” and express gratitude for the legacy of professionalism the members of the department have showcased and for the prestige this has brought to our great State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sheriff Leon Lott and the Richland County Sheriff’s Department.

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