**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE DAVID M. ROSS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION (SCCPC), ON THE OCCASION OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE COMMISSION, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE ORGANIZATION, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN HIS NEW ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for over seven years, the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of David M. Ross, who on May 14, 2018, will leave his position as SCCPC executive director to accept new challenges as executive director of the South Carolina Bar; and

Whereas, born and raised in South Carolina, David received his bachelor’s degree from the University of South Carolina and his J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law; and

Whereas, he began his legal career as law clerk for the Honorable H. Dean Hall, Circuit Court judge, from 1991 to 1994. In 1994, he joined the Tenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office. As an assistant solicitor in the Anderson County Office, he prosecuted virtually every type of criminal case, including prosecution of drug, armed robbery, burglary, and felony driving‑under‑the‑influence cases, as well as prosecuting cases in the Family Court, Transfer Court, and Magistrate Court. He left that office in 2004 and worked in the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office (Richland County) before joining the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office in 2005. There, he served as an assistant solicitor in the Greenville County Office and prosecuted a general caseload, including burglary, armed robbery, and assault crimes. He departed the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in 2006 to return to the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office as a deputy solicitor. As one of the senior attorneys who led a team of thirty‑five prosecutors and sixty support staff, his responsibilities included overseeing the budget, personnel, trial docket, and prosecution of violent crime. He served there until 2011; and

Whereas, on January 4, 2011, he became executive director of the SCCPC. In this position, he leads and manages a state agency that coordinates the administrative activities involving the prosecution of criminal cases in the Palmetto State; ensures that the agency’s mission and statutorily required mandates are carried out in an effective and efficient manner; oversees the development of legal education programs, as well as updates to prosecutors and law enforcement agencies in South Carolina; develops a yearly legislative agenda to enhance the effectiveness of prosecution and law enforcement; provides input to the General Assembly on legislation through testimony at legislative subcommittee meetings; develops and submits the agency’s budget to the General Assembly; and reviews and updates the administrative and human resources functions the agency provides to the sixteen elected solicitors. Throughout his service as SCCPC executive director, he has provided outstanding service to the people of South Carolina and excellent representation for the prosecutors of this State; and

Whereas, to this day, he has dedicated his career to serving and seeking the fair administration of criminal justice for the people of South Carolina. With this move to the South Carolina Bar, he will continue his dedication to public service; and

Whereas, appreciative of the commitment and leadership David Ross has bestowed on the people of this great State, the Senate takes great pleasure in wishing him continued success as he enters into his new duties with the South Carolina Bar. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, salute David M. Ross, executive director of the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination (SCCPC), on the occasion of his departure from the commission, extend deep appreciation for his more than seven years of distinguished service to the organization, and wish him much success and fulfillment in his new endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to David M. Ross.

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