**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SENIOR CHIEF MICHAEL T. LAURIE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY‑SIX YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in its deliberations to express gratitude to Senior Chief Michael T. Laurie for his significant contributions to the United States Navy; and

Whereas, born and reared in Kingstree, Senior Chief Laurie enlisted in the United States Navy in July 1991 in the proud tradition of the Sons of the Palmetto State. After completing Recruit Training and Radioman “A” school at Service School Command in San Diego, California, he reported to his first ship in November 1991; and

Whereas, his sea duty assignments included tours in USS CONSTELLATION (CV‑64), USS MOUNT BAKER (AE‑34), USS CARNEY (DDG‑64), USS PHILIPPINE SEA (CG‑58), and USS HUE CITY (CG‑66); and

Whereas, during his career, Senior Chief Laurie completed an Individual Augment with Criminal Investigative Task Force, a joint command responsible for conducting worldwide criminal investigations to substantiate or refute terrorist acts committed against the United States, its people, and its interest; and

Whereas, he also completed deployments to the Indian Ocean, Persian Gulf, Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, and numerous operations and port visits in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres; and

Whereas, ashore, Senior Chief Laurie was stationed at the NAVAL COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATION STATION in Jacksonville, Florida; NAVAL COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATION STATION in Bahrain; HELICOPTER ANTI‑SUBMARINE SQUADRON LIGHT FOUR TWO in Mayport, Florida; and UNMANNED PATROL SQUADRON ONE NINE in Jacksonville, Florida; and

Whereas, he has earned Apprentice Certification in computer networking and Security Plus Certification, and he is currently working towards an associate’s degree in supervisor management with Coastline Community College in California; and

Whereas, committed to improving his military service, Senior Chief Laurie, an Information Systems Technician Senior Chief (IW/SW), has completed numerous advance‑rating schools, such as Advance Network Analyst, Transmissions Systems Technician, System Administrator, and Information Systems Security Manager; and

Whereas, designated as an Information Warfare and Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, he has been awarded the Joint Commendation Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (six awards), Navy Good Conduct Medal (eight awards), and various unit and campaign awards; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Senior Chief Michael T. Laurie has devoted to his nation and to the United States Navy and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Senior Chief Michael T. Laurie, upon the occasion of his retirement after twenty‑six years of outstanding service in the United States Navy, 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 Senior Chief Michael T. Laurie.

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