**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. GLENDA BOOTH OF LEXINGTON COUNTY, AMBER ALERT COORDINATOR FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with much pleasure that the South Carolina General Assembly honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great State’s citizenry; and

Whereas, Mrs. Glenda Booth of Lexington County, retiring AMBER Alert Coordinator for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), stands among their number as an outstanding public servant; and

Whereas, Mrs. Booth is a thirty‑three‑year veteran of public service and an honors graduate of the University of South Carolina’s criminal justice associate degree program; and

Whereas, in January of 1977, she began her service to the State when she was hired by the South Carolina Department of Corrections. She interviewed inmates for background data, prepared statistical data for parole board hearings, and performed inmate sentence computation and classification; and

Whereas, in September of 1978, Glenda Booth was employed by the United States Bureau of Prisons. There, she analyzed and prepared data for inmate designation to federal correctional institutions and was responsible for halfway‑house placement, sentence computation, inmate correspondence, and government billing; and

Whereas, in September of 1981, Mrs. Booth was hired by the United States Attorney’s Office and assisted in the implementation of the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee, comprised of local, state, and federal law enforcement, set up and supervised all case management and statistical reports for a Task Force, prepared witness lists for multi‑defendant trials, was responsible for witnesses during trials, took notes during trials, prepared summaries of evidence against each defendant, assisted with press releases and correspondence, and disseminated discovery material according to federal law; and

Whereas, in October of 1984, this talented lady was hired by United States Magistrate Cameron Currie and was a liaison to federal judiciary, state judiciary, and law enforcement. She implemented a caseload‑monitoring system for a newly created office, prepared draft pleadings for the judge’s determination, reviewed all incoming cases, prepared summaries of evidence, performed legal research, and drafted summaries of law; and

Whereas, in April of 1988, she was hired by the South Carolina Grand Jury and was responsible for the preparation of memorandum of interview documents, evaluation of reports and submission of material for cross‑referencing of witnesses and prospective defendants, and assistance at trials of complex multi‑defendant, multi‑count narcotics operations; and

Whereas, after joining the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) in 1988, she was the administrative assistant to the Chief of SLED. She performed countless duties and was an invaluable resource to the chief, chief of staff, and deputy directors and provided constituent services to citizens, local, state, and federal law enforcement personnel, solicitors, and legislators; and

Whereas, in 2005, Glenda was promoted to the role of AMBER Alert Coordinator for SLED and her background and experiences have been invaluable to the AMBER Alert program. Her tireless efforts have enhanced law enforcement’s abilities across the state to respond to child abductions, to enlist assistance from communities quickly, and to accomplish the quick and safe recovery of abducted children. The quick dissemination of this information is critical in the effort to save the lives of abducted children; and

Whereas, as part of these duties, Mrs. Booth spent countless nights working during AMBER Alerts, in order to assist law enforcement officers in the safe recovery of many children; and

Whereas, she has trained city, county, and state law enforcement officers and employees across this State; and

Whereas, not one to neglect ongoing education and training, she has attended conferences and trainings around the country to stay abreast of the latest technology and best practices in this critical role; and

Whereas, Glenda is married to Major George Booth, retired special agent, who was in charge of the SLED Tactical Operations Unit; and

Whereas, having made her mark and set the bar of achievement extraordinarily high in her profession, Glenda Booth will be remembered with affection and gratitude by colleagues and legislative friends for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Mrs. Glenda Booth of Lexington County, retiring AMBER Alert Coordinator of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, upon the occasion of her retirement, commend her for her many years of dedicated service, and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Glenda Booth.

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