**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND COMMANDER BOBBY VICK STRICKLAND, SR., OF HORRY COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that Bobby Vick Strickland, Sr., will begin a much deserved retirement from his service as a police officer for the City of North Myrtle Beach where he has faithfully served the citizens of his community during a remarkable and distinguished career; and

Whereas, born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on November 4, 1944, he is the son of Rudolph Singletary and Catherine Vick Strickland; and

Whereas, he attended Chowan College in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, and in 1962, he joined the North Carolina National Guard where he received training as a medical technician; and

Whereas, on January 1, 1966, Bobby Strickland began working in law enforcement and has served in that field for over forty years; and

Whereas, he graduated in the third basic law enforcement class at the Criminal Justice Academy and has continued to provide exceptional service to benefit the security of the citizens in his community; and

Whereas, he was the first motor officer for the City of North Myrtle Beach and also started the first canine operation for North Myrtle Beach; and

Whereas, this fine officer is a true believer in the concept of community policing, assisted the department in the addition of the Explorer Program, and has been deeply involved in the life of his community throughout his career; and

Whereas, selected by the North Myrtle Beach Lions Club as the Police Officer of the Year, he has received numerous commendations from the department and letters of recognition from the community; and

Whereas, he has two fine sons, Bobby Vick Strickland, Jr., and Jonathan Ray Strickland, who have blessed him with three wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the long and outstanding career of Commander Bobby Vick Strickland, Sr., and are pleased to learn that after more than four decades of service to law enforcement he will be beginning a much deserved retirement in May of this year. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, honor and commend Commander Bobby Vick Strickland, Sr., of Horry County, upon the occasion of his retirement as a law enforcement officer for the City of North Myrtle Beach, and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Commander Bobby Vick Strickland, Sr.

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