**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STATE FIRE MARSHAL ADOLF A. ZUBIA, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the South Carolina Senate should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Adolf A. Zubia for his significant contributions to fire safety in the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, from 1976 to 1980, he served his country honorably in the United States Navy, attaining the rank of E‑5; and

Whereas, in 1983, Mr. Zubia earned a bachelor’s in journalism and mass communications from New Mexico State University, where he later pursued graduate studies in public administration; and

Whereas, he served as a firefighter from 1986 to 1990, a driver operator/engineer from 1990 to 1992, and fire marshal from 1992 to 1998; and

Whereas, Mr. Zubia completed the four‑year National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program in 1999, and in 2003, he received the Harvard Fellowship Annual Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government award; and

Whereas, from 1998‑2001, he served as the fire marshal of Doña Ana County in New Mexico, and beginning in 2001, he served as the fire chief of the City of Las Cruces Fire Department until his retirement from that post in 2009; and

Whereas, since February of 2011, he has served as the South Carolina State Fire Marshal with oversight of the South Carolina Fire Academy and the regulatory responsibilities of the Division of Fire & Life Safety of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Responsibilities in this position included management of seventy full‑time employees, two hundred eighty part‑time employees, and a budget of some twelve million dollars; and

Whereas, since 2011, Mr. Zubia has successfully addressed the November 2010 Legislative Audit Council Report recommendations, revised the fire marshal certification program for almost seven hundred resident fire marshals statewide, streamlined the number of codes currently being enforced, and developed policies for consistent code enforcement and interpretation by all state fire marshals; and

Whereas, among his numerous professional activities, he served the International Code Council as president from 2008 to 2009 and as vice president and secretary/treasurer from 2006 to 2008. He has also served in various positions as a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Beverlye J. Zubia, he has reared three fine children: Victoria Torres, Anahi Scandiffio, and Dante Scandiffio. Beverlye and Adolf are also blessed with two adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the improvement of the employee morale that State Fire Marshal Adolf A. Zubia has provided through his open‑door policy and for his devotion to safety for our state’s firefighters and the citizens they serve, and they wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor State Fire Marshal Adolf A. Zubia, upon the occasion of his retirement from a distinguished career in fire and emergency services, 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 Adolf A. Zubia.

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