**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHARLES E. BARNES OF GREER FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina Senate honors individuals who freely give of their time and resources for the good of others; and

Whereas, Charles E. Barnes of Greer has contributed valuable community and public service to the citizens of the Palmetto State and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, he earned an associate degree at Greenville Technical College in criminal justice, and he is a graduate of Leadership Greer. A former South Carolina state constable, he has been a commissioned deputy law enforcement officer for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources since 1989. He serves with Greenville’s Friends of the NRA Committee (chair) and is a member of the Greer Mitigation Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, presently chief lake warden/security manager for the Greer Commission of Public Works, Chuck Barnes has served the people of South Carolina for more than thirty‑three years at the commission, twenty‑three of those years watching over Lake Robinson and Lake Cunningham; and

Whereas, Chuck Barnes believes strongly in active community involvement, and he demonstrates that conviction far beyond his daily work. He has served with the former Greer Rescue team and is a former Greer Family Festival board member and member of the Cancer Relay for Life team. He assists Boy Scouts with their Eagle Scout merit badges through projects at the lakes, makes Career Day presentations at local high schools, and speaks to local Boy Scout and Cub Scout groups, and the Lions Club, Rotary Club, and Ruritan Club; and

Whereas, a dedicated outdoorsman, he cofounded the Greer Family Fest Bass Tournament and serves with the Youth Fishing Derby (Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs), Friends of Lake Robinson, and Cooking Committee for the Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Chuck Barnes who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Charles E. Barnes of Greer for his outstanding community and public service to the people of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Charles E. Barnes.

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