**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ROGER LEDUC, AIKEN CITY MANAGER, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS TWENTY‑FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF AIKEN, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

Whereas, Roger LeDuc, Aiken City Manager, stands among their number as an outstanding public servant, one much admired for his invaluable contributions to the improvement of Aiken’s infrastructure and quality of life; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, Mr. LeDuc graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in science; and

Whereas, he began his career as a private consultant, serving the Chicago area for ten years and the City of North Augusta for five years; and

Whereas, in 1986, Mr. LeDuc took up his duties as Aiken Public Works director, a post he filled with distinction until 1998. At that time, he became City of Aiken manager and continued to build his well‑known reputation for excellence and a positive “can‑do” attitude; and

Whereas, among the highlights of his career with the City of Aiken are the wellness program for city employees, elimination of all the city’s bonded indebtedness, downtown improvements such as the theater and festival center, a traffic management ordinance, a lower millage rate, construction of two industrial parks with their approximately eight hundred jobs, a senior tax write‑off program, a new storm‑water program (the first in the State), four hundred new housing units and thirteen new neighborhood organizations, and the completion of Citizens Park and the Weeks Tennis Center; and

Whereas, because of his instrumental work in developing innovative and award‑winning programs in South Carolina in the areas of recycling, storm‑water utility, wetlands, publicizing, and skill training, Roger LeDuc was recognized in 2000 as one of the Top Ten Public Works Leaders in North America by the American Public Works Association. In this same year, he received South Carolina’s Order of the Silver Crescent for his exceptional service to the citizens of Aiken; and

Whereas, among his numerous posts of service, Mr. LeDuc has served as a board member of the Governor‑appointed Recycling Market Development and Waste Tire Committee, Aiken Corporation, and Chamber of Commerce. He currently serves with the Kairos Prison/Emmaus Ministry; and

Whereas, following a January 23 drop‑in honoring him for his many years of faithful service, on January 28, 2011, Roger LeDuc will step down from his post as Aiken City Manager to embark on the new adventure of retirement, at which time he hopes to spend more time traveling and enjoying the company of his family; and

Whereas, having made his mark and set the bar of achievement extraordinarily high in his profession, Mr. LeDuc 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 members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Roger LeDuc, Aiken city manager, upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his twenty‑five years of dedicated service to the City of Aiken, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Roger LeDuc.

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