**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE SAMUEL PEAY, RICHLAND COUNTY MAGISTRATE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MORE THAN FORTY‑FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 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 state’s citizenry; and

Whereas, the Honorable Samuel Peay, Richland County magistrate, stands high among their number as an outstanding public benefactor, one much admired for his long and distinguished service to the people of South Carolina; and

Whereas, born in the Longtown community of Ridgeway on June 2, 1939, Samuel Peay resided in Fairfield County until age six, at which time he moved to Richland County; and

Whereas, in 1964, he joined the Richland County Sheriff’s Department. Under the leadership of the late Sheriff Frank Powell, Samuel Peay was promoted to sergeant, the first black to be named to that position; and

Whereas, in June 1978, he was elected Richland County magistrate, taking the oath of office on July 28, 1978. He served as president of the Richland County Magistrate Association for more than thirty years, chief magistrate for two years, and chaplain of the South Carolina Magistrate Association for two years; and

Whereas, married to Lillian Bernice Chavis Peay, he and his wife raised two fine sons, Clifton Delmineo and Ira Aloysius, who have blessed their parents with two grandchildren; and

Whereas, a man of faith, Judge Peay has been a member of Zion Canaan Baptist Church for more than fifty years and has served as a deacon for more than thirty years; and

Whereas, upon his retirement from the bench on April 30, 2011, a new season, that of full retirement, will begin in the life of Samuel Peay, and he has well earned it; and

Whereas, having made his mark and set the bar of achievement high in his profession, he 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 the Honorable Samuel Peay, Richland County magistrate, upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his more than forty‑five years of dedicated service to the people of South Carolina, 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 the Honorable Samuel Peay.

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