**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LIEUTENANT BOBBY E. SHEALY, ARSON UNIT, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY‑SIX YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEWBERRY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, a native of Newberry, Bobby E. Shealy graduated from Newberry High School where he participated in the band and studied civil engineering at Midlands Technical College; and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor’s in business administration from Newberry College, graduating magna cum laude; and

Whereas, from 1976 through 1989, he served the City of Newberry as an engineer and firefighter, operating fire trucks, conducting fire‑suppression activities, helping to start the city’s arson investigative unit, and assisting local fire departments and the sheriff’s office with the origin and cause of fires; and

Whereas, he served as a special agent at the South Carolina Fire Marshal’s Office from 1989 to 1991; and

Whereas, from 1991 to 2006, he served the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division as a special agent and senior agent; and

Whereas, in that capacity, he was assigned to the Arson Investigative Unit to conduct examinations of fire scenes, as well as to follow up investigations of suspicious fires and to serve as a training officer for new agents; and

Whereas, from 2006 to 2012, he served the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division as a lieutenant, supervising agents assigned to the Arson Investigative Unit, crime‑scene agents, and vehicle‑crime agents, while he was assigned over 535 cases and assisted fellow agents with many more; and

Whereas, he instructed courses of study in fire/arson investigation at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, at the South Carolina Fire Academy, and for the National District Attorney’s Association at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia; and

Whereas, he qualified numerous times as an expert witness in General Sessions Court in fire origin and cause; and

Whereas, he completed the Basic Detective Course at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy; the Fire and Arson Investigation Course at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland; the Advanced Arson Investigation Seminar at the University of Georgia; the Advanced Arson for Profit Course and the Analytical Interviewing Course conducted by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; the Technical Investigative Equipment Course at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; and the Mid‑Level Management Class for Law Enforcement taught by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy; and

Whereas, he is a member and has served several terms on the board of directors of the South Carolina Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators and is a member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association; and

Whereas, licensed in South Carolina as an auctioneer and real estate agent, he is a member of the Exchange Club of Newberry, where he served as president from 2009 to 2010, and was voted Exchangite of the Year for 2008‑2009; and

Whereas, an honorary member of the Newberry Fire Department, he served as the president of its Volunteer Company; and

Whereas, he received a letter of commendation from former Director of the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division Robert E. Stewart for his outstanding leadership in representing the division; and

Whereas, an active member of Summer Memorial Lutheran Church in Newberry, he sings in the choir, is a member of the Lutheran Men in Mission, serves on the youth advisory committee, and has served on the congregation council and the stewardship committee; and

Whereas, he plans to spend time in his much‑deserved retirement with his beloved wife, Dallas Jolliffe Shealy, and looks forward to overseeing the building of their future home on the Saluda River. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Lieutenant Bobby E. Shealy, Arson Unit, South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division, upon the occasion of his retirement after thirty‑six years of devoted service to the City of Newberry and wish him much happiness and success in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bobby E. Shealy.

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