**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 AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD AFTER THIRTY‑SIX YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEVOTION TO THE CITY OF NEWBERRY, STATE FIRE MARSHAL’S OFFICE, SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, a native of Newberry, South Carolina, Bobby E. Shealy graduated from Newberry High School in Newberry, South Carolina, where he played cornet and served as an officer in the band; and

Whereas, he attended and graduated from Midlands Technical College with an associate’s degree in civil engineering; and

Whereas, he received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Newberry College, graduating magna cum laude and was recognized as having the highest grade‑point ratio in his major field; and

Whereas, he served the City of Newberry from 1976 through 1989 as an engineer and firefighter, where he operated fire trucks, conducted fire‑suppression activities, helped to start the city’s arson investigative unit, and assisted local fire departments and sheriffs’ offices 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 a senior agent; and

Whereas, in that capacity he was assigned to the Arson Investigative Unit where he conducted examinations of fire scenes, as well as follow‑up investigations of suspicious fires, and served 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; and

Whereas, in that capacity he supervised agents assigned to the Arson Investigative Unit, crime‑scene agents, and vehicle‑crime agents; 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, South Carolina; 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; Fire and Arson Investigation Course at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland; Advanced Arson Investigation Seminar at the University of Georgia; Advanced Arson for Profit Course and the Analytical Interviewing Course conducted by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; Technical Investigative Equipment Course at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; and Mid‑Level Management Class for Law Enforcement taught by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy; and

Whereas, he is licensed in South Carolina as an auctioneer and real estate agent; and

Whereas, he is a member of the South Carolina Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators, having served several terms on the board of directors for this organization; and

Whereas, he is a member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association; and

Whereas, 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, he is an honorary member of the Newberry Fire Department, where he served as 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, he is an active member of Summer Memorial Lutheran Church in Newberry, South Carolina, where he sings in the choir, is in the Lutheran Men in Mission men’s group, serves on the youth advisory committee, and has served on the congregation council and on the stewardship committee; and

Whereas, he plans to spend time in his much‑deserved retirement with his beloved wife, Dallas Jolliff Shealy, and enjoy 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 and to wish him much happiness and success in the years ahead after thirty‑six years of service and devotion to the City of Newberry, State Fire Marshal’s Office, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and the citizens of South Carolina.

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

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