**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR WILLIAM DAVID BILTON OF RICHLAND COUNTY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION, UPON HIS RETIREMENT, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PALMETTO STATE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH FULFILLMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, having served his State with excellence for many years, William David Bilton of Richland County will soon be retiring from his post as executive director of the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination (SCCPC); and

Whereas, Mr. Bilton, in preparation for a distinguished career, earned his bachelor’s degree in political science at the University of South Carolina in 1979 and his law degree at the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1987; and

Whereas, after five years with the Office of Senate Research for the South Carolina Senate, he began his career in the criminal justice and judicial systems in 1987 as an assistant solicitor with the Fifth Judicial Circuit and spent nearly four years as a successful prosecutor under the leadership of Solicitor James C. Anders; and

Whereas, following the creation of the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination in 1990, William Bilton was tapped to become the commission’s first executive director and has performed admirably in that position since assuming office in January of 1991; and

Whereas, the commission, through Mr. Bilton’s efforts and those of the commission staff, has provided all circuit solicitors the administrative support and continuing legal‑education programs so vital to maintaining the highest professional standards in the prosecution of criminal cases throughout the State; and

Whereas, among numerous other duties, William Bilton has served SCCPC and the Office of Solicitor as governmental affairs representative; coordinated with the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government regarding the interests of the Office of Solicitor and any affiliate services; directed the internal operations of SCCPC; coordinated all administrative functions of the Office of Solicitor and any affiliate services operating in conjunction with that office; submitted the budgets to the General Assembly; and secured funding for the operation of the Office of Solicitor and any affiliate services; and

Whereas, he also has served on many state and national committees, among them the South Carolina Impaired Driving Prevention Council, Chairman; Victims Services Coordinating Council; South Carolina Bar Criminal Law Section Council, past Chairman and Section Delegate; and Adult Protection Coordinating Council, past Chairman. Included in his national service are membership on the Board of Directors for the American Prosecution Research Institute; National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators, past President; and on the Board of Directors for the National District Attorneys Association; and

Whereas, having earned the respect of all those who have had the privilege of working with him, William David Bilton will be remembered with affection and gratitude by colleagues and legislative friends for years to come. The General Assembly trusts Mr. Bilton will find great pleasure in the more relaxing pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, honor William David Bilton of Richland County, Executive Director of the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination, upon his retirement, thank him for his twenty-nine years of dedicated service to the Palmetto State, and wish him much fulfillment and success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to William David Bilton.

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