**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ENGINEER ADAM J. OLESZKOWICZ OF THE MYRTLE BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AS A FIREFIGHTER AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE 2014 CHICORA ROTARY FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, with deep appreciation, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives honor, on behalf of all South Carolinians, the great sacrifice that South Carolina’s first responders make for the safety and well being of our citizens; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Engineer Adam J. Oleszkowicz of the Myrtle Beach Fire Department has been named the 2014 Chicora Rotary Firefighter of the Year; and

Whereas, as a senior firefighter on shift, Adam Oleszkowicz would take time to mentor the junior firefighters, leading and teaching by example, and to share what he had learned through the years; and

Whereas, he spent untold hours, many of them off duty, preparing for the engineer exam for promotion by studying such tedious materials as the City Policies, Fire Department Manuals, Apparatus Pumping and Operations, Hazardous Materials, and Department Paperwork; and

Whereas, giving his patients his undivided attention, Engineer Oleszkowicz consistently performs under highly stressful situations to put patient needs first and provide his expertise while following proper protocol with a positive attitude; and

Whereas, he shows respect for his coworkers, for officers, and for the public in professional and emergency situations; and

Whereas, in his second job away from the fire house, Engineer Oleszkowicz serves as a medic with Myrtle Beach Air to provide non‑emergency care and transportation for patients from medical facilities to other locations; and

Whereas, in his spare time he takes classes and studies to earn a degree in nursing, and he serves as the manager of the Myrtle Beach Rays adult men’s baseball team; and

Whereas, for the past several years, Engineer Oleszkowicz has served the “Pancake Breakfast,” held annually in cooperation with the Myrtle Beach Fire Department and Local 2345 at the Base Recreation Center in December, the proceeds of which are used to fill Christmas wish lists for children who would not otherwise receive gifts; and

Whereas, beside all of his duties and aspirations, Adam Oleszkowicz became the father of beautiful twin girls in mid‑November 2013, born at only twenty‑eight weeks gestation and needing to spend several weeks in pre‑natal emergency care at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the admirable traits that Engineer Oleszkowicz has steadfastly displayed as an outstanding firefighter: professional demeanor in his duties and vocational relationships, studious and inquisitive acquisition of the best methods for performing those duties, and positive caring in meeting the needs of others. 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 Engineer Adam J. Oleszkowicz of the Myrtle Beach Fire Department for his dedicated service as a firefighter and congratulate him upon being named the 2014 Chicora Rotary Firefighter of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Engineer Adam J. Oleszkowicz.

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