**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SUMTER’S JOSEPH CAPUTO, HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATOR FOR THE SANTEE‑WATEREE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, since 1972, the Santee‑Wateree Community Mental Health Center has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and mentorship of Mr. Joseph Caputo, who on June 30, 2014, will retire after more than forty‑seven years of service with the State of South Carolina, the past forty‑two with the Santee‑Wateree Community Mental Health Center (MHC); and

Whereas, through the years at Santee‑Wateree Community MHC, Joe Caputo has worn many hats. He began his career as a clinician at the Sumter Center. After demonstrating numerous management skills, he advanced to clinic director, in which capacity he provided direct services and supervision to staff. During his tenure, he has worked in various posts in all four counties served by Santee‑Wateree Community MHC (Sumter, Lee, Kershaw, and Clarendon); and

Whereas, in his current capacity as human services coordinator, he provides training to all staff and orientation to all new employees. He is a certified CPR, AAA Driving, and Best Trainer and serves as the center’s health and safety officer, risk management officer, HIPPA and corporate compliance officer, CARF coordinator (accreditation), and state employees representative. He also provided supervision to professional counselors to promote professional growth within his agency; and

Whereas, Joe has endeared himself to his co‑workers, who especially appreciate his loyalty, trustworthiness, undisturbed presence of mind both in the storm and in daily tasks, and (not least) his dry wit; and

Whereas, Joe Caputo, in his constant striving for excellence, has always found strong support in his wife, Jan; his children, Kelly Ann Atkinson, Kristina Elizabeth Vise, Kristen Marie Stutts, David McGinley Griswold, Kandice Lynn Norton, and Katie Renee Caputo; and his seven grandchildren; and

Whereas, Joe Caputo believes strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community in several capacities. He is legislative chair for the South Carolina State Employees Association and a member of the Knights of Columbus. A man of faith, Joe is also a member and usher at St. Anne Catholic Church in Sumter; and

Whereas, during Joe’s well‑earned retirement, the House hopes he will find himself indulging often in deer hunting, bird watching, traveling, enlarging his gun collection, and restoring vintage cars, such as the vintage Porsche awaiting his attention; and

Whereas, to recognize Mr. Caputo for his many years of service to the people of South Carolina, his colleagues will host a retirement celebration in his honor on June 19, 2014; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Joseph Caputo has bestowed on the Palmetto State, takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement and trusts he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Sumter’s Joseph Caputo, human services coordinator for the Santee‑Wateree Community Mental Health Center, upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his many years of dedicated service, 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 Joseph Caputo.

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