**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LIEUTENANT VINCENT “VINNIE” BETTINAZZI OF THE MYRTLE BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK AS A CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED THE 2015 CHICORA ROTARY CLUB FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Lieutenant Vincent “Vinnie” Bettinazzi, an engineer and paramedic with the Myrtle Beach Fire Department, will be honored as the 2015 Chicora Rotary Club Firefighter of the Year at the club’s annual Firefighter of the Year celebration on May 1, 2015; and

Whereas, born in Parma, Ohio, he was reared in North Royalton, Ohio, and graduated from North Royalton High School where he was a member of the wrestling team and captain of the football and track teams; and

Whereas, Vinnie Bettinazzi earned a degree in health education from Muskingum College in 2006 and played four years of football there as a linebacker and tight end; and

Whereas, after relocating to Myrtle Beach in 2007, he joined the Myrtle Beach Fire Department and rose through the ranks of the department, quickly establishing himself as a capable leader and achieving every promotion with his first attempt from firefighter to fire engineer; and

Whereas, recently promoted to the rank of fire lieutenant, Vinnie Bettinazzi has commanded each position with professionalism, ability, and knowledge; and

Whereas, he enjoys helping his peers hone their skills through informal training performed at the station and as a certified instructor in CPR, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and Advanced Cardiac Life Support. He also serves as a department‑appointed paramedic preceptor; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Bettinazzi is an active member of the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) regional team, an endeavor which is above his expected duties at the Fire Department; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives wishes to express its gratitude to Vinnie Bettinazzi for his dedicated service in protecting the citizens of Horry County and the State of South Carolina, and the members heartily congratulate him on receiving this well‑deserved award as Firefighter of the Year. 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 Vincent “Vinnie” Bettinazzi of the Myrtle Beach Fire Department for his outstanding work as a certified firefighter and congratulate him on being named the 2015 Chicora Rotary Club Firefighter of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Lieutenant Vincent “Vinnie” Bettinazzi.

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