**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MURRELLS INLET‑GARDEN CITY FIRE DISTRICT ON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATING ITS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY, AND TO THANK THE DISTRICT FOR PROVIDING OUTSTANDING FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES IN GEORGETOWN AND HORRY COUNTIES.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that in June 2016 the Murrells Inlet‑Garden City Fire District will celebrate a half century of providing outstanding fire and rescue services in the lower Grand Strand area; and

Whereas, on June 8, 1966, legislation was enacted to form the Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire District, a joint county fire district spanning portions of Georgetown and Horry Counties. Soon thereafter, a group of local citizen-volunteers organized the operations of the district and its services commenced; and

Whereas, in the ensuing five decades, flourishing coastal tourism spurred tremendous population growth and development in the district, requiring it to act diligently to keep pace;

Whereas, today the Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire District covers roughly twenty-five miles of the South Carolina Lowcountry and includes four fire stations, forty-five career emergency responders, and sixteen emergency volunteers who provide cutting-edge fire suppression service, advanced emergency medical care service, and community training in fire education, fire prevention, and the full catalog of American Heart Association classes; and

Whereas, events planned to commemorate the history and invaluable contributions of the Murrells Inlet‑Garden City Fire District include the dedication of a new fire station on McDowell Shortcut Road, a ceremony at which a fiftieth anniversary commemorative plaque will be dedicated and at which some of the original district volunteers will be in attendance; and a fire‑apparatus parade that will be followed by a picnic and “Bucket Brigade” competition; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly deeply appreciates the service and sacrifice of all first responders in the Palmetto State and congratulates the members of the Murrells Inlet‑Garden City Fire District upon reaching the momentous benchmark of their Golden Anniversary. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Murrells Inlet‑Garden City Fire District on the occasion of celebrating its Golden Anniversary, and to thank the district for providing outstanding fire and rescue services in Georgetown and Horry counties.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Fire Chief Norman Knight.

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