**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE CHRIS HARVEY, FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF GREER FIRE DEPARTMENT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Chief Chris Harvey of the City of Greer Fire Department will begin a well-deserved retirement in May 2015, after thirty-eight years of outstanding service to the citizens of Greer; and

Whereas, Chief Harvey grew up in Greer and graduated from Greer High School. He began his career with the City of Greer Fire Department in 1977 as a tailboard fighter. Because of his faithful service he progressed through the fire department ranks and in January 1996, became the interim chief. In December 1996, Chief Harvey took over as fire chief and has served continuously since; and

Whereas, Chief Harvey has led the department in many efforts to raise awareness for issues affecting the citizens of Greer, working with organizations such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the MDA Summer Camp, Safe Kids Upstate, and Aluminum Cans for Burned Children. He has actively worked to ensure that the fire department is well represented within the community, by attending public events, holding station tours, participating in parades, and installing smoke detectors; and

Whereas, Chief Harvey’s service extends beyond the community of Greer to the entire state. He has been involved with the South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs, the Greenville and Spartanburg County Fire Chiefs Association, as well the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs, and the South Carolina Fire Marshals Association; and

Whereas, he is a member of Victor Baptist Church, and has served on the board for the Greer Memorial Hospital, and as the chairman of the City of Greer’s Safety Committee; and

Whereas, Chief Harvey has been married to his wife, Donna, for almost thirty-four years. The couple was blessed with two children, Amy and Justin, and two grandchildren, James and Jackson; and

Whereas, Chief Harvey has been a stalwart of safety to the citizens of Greer. He strives to make the City of Greer a safer and better place for all of its residents; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the legacy of leadership that Chief Harvey has given to the City of Greer Fire Department. The members trust he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate Chris Harvey, Fire Chief of the City of Greer Fire Department, upon the occasion of his retirement, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Chris Harvey.

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