**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MR. KEITH LEWIS, CHIEF DEPUTY OF THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, Mr. Lewis was born in Blackstock, South Carolina. After graduating from high school, he began a career with Fairfield County as an emergency medical technician for the Fairfield County Ambulance Service; and

Whereas, after three years of dedicated service with the ambulance service, Mr. Lewis became a deputy for the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office. While serving the sheriff’s department, he was promoted to sergeant of uniform patrol; and

Whereas, in 1979, Mr. Lewis resigned his position at the sheriff’s department and moved to Big Springs, Texas, where he worked as a bidding agent in the oil fields; and

Whereas, Mr. Lewis returned to Fairfield County in 1984 and became a patrolman with the Winnsboro Police Department. He moved up in rank from a patrolman to the captain of police services. After four years with the Winnsboro Police Department, he left to become a criminal investigator with the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office; and

Whereas, in 1990, Mr. Lewis was promoted to lieutenant and established the first narcotics division for Fairfield County. Because of his outstanding work for the county, Mr. Lewis was then promoted to chief deputy, a position he held for fourteen years; and

Whereas, throughout his career, Mr. Lewis has participated in extensive law enforcement training, including classes for drug enforcement administration, asset forfeitures, violent crimes, technical surveillance operations, the South Carolina Police Academy, and the FBI National Academy; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate are pleased to honor this civil servant who has spent thirty‑two years dedicated to serving the citizens of Fairfield County. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Mr. Keith Lewis, chief deputy of the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office, for his many years of dedicated service to Fairfield County and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Keith Lewis.

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