**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE CAPTAIN STEVE CLARE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BATESBURG-LEESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Captain Steve Clare upon the occasion of his retirement from the Batesburg-Leesville Police Department on May 21, 2018; and

Whereas, Captain Clare attended the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and, on March 7, 1988, began his career with the Batesburg Police Department. Captain Clare served as Patrolman, Corporal, Sergeant, shift supervisor, and lead officer in a number of major cases. His training and expert evidence gathering led to the arrest and conviction of numerous suspects involved in a wide variety of crimes, from burglaries to homicides; and

Whereas, with the department, Captain Clare established and developed several programs that would have a lasting impact. In order to keep the department current with new technologies, he implemented a CSI unit and established and continued to update a network computer system, making the department one of the first in the State to file reports with SLED electronically; and

Whereas, Captain Clare also developed several programs to protect children, including a Child ID program and a child car seat safety check program. The latter was his passion project, and Captain Clare served as the program’s first instructor, saving many children in the community and State through this training; and

Whereas, Captain Clare served in the United States Army for twelve years and in the South Carolina National Guard, retiring in 2003 after twenty-six total years of military service; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the passion and diligence that Captain Clare has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Captain Steve Clare upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his thirty years of dedicated service to the Batesburg-Leesville Police Department, and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Captain Steve Clare.

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