**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LIEUTENANT DURWOOD “BO” BARTON, JR., A CRIMINAL PROFILER AND SUPERVISOR IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE UNIT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THREE DECADES OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate has learned that Lieutenant Durwood “Bo” Barton, Jr., will begin a well‑deserved retirement after thirty years with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), the last of which have been as a supervisor in the Behavioral Science Unit for SLED; and

Whereas, a fifth generation law enforcement officer, Bo Barton was reared in Gilbert, and after graduation from Gilbert High School in 1984, he signed to play football for the Wofford Terriers; and

Whereas, he received a full football scholarship to Wofford where he earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology in 1988, and then became a special agent with SLED as a member of the bloodhound tracking team and SWAT; and

Whereas, over the next thirty years, Lieutenant Barton served in various divisions of SLED with distinction: as a member of the Cold Case Unit, the Crisis Negotiation Team, the Narcotics Unit, the Governor’s RAID team, the Attorney General’s State Grand Jury team, the FBI’s violent task force, the DEA task force, the United States Secret Service, and the United States Attorney’s Office; and

Whereas, during his years with SLED, Lieutenant Barton earned a master’s degree in criminal justice from Charleston Southern University and completed a four‑year elite criminal investigator program to gain board certification in criminal profiling, making SLED one of only five agencies in the country to have a board certified profiler; and

Whereas, as a criminal profiler in the Behavioral Science Unit of SLED, Lieutenant Barton has assisted skillfully in identifying assailants of violent crime, made numerous threat assessments, and has led equivocal death investigations; and

Whereas, he received specialized training in homicide, mental and personality disorders, threat assessment, sexual assault, electronic surveillance, multi‑jurisdictional drug conspiracy, white collar crimes, interview, interrogation, and undercover techniques; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Barton has performed field studies with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in Miami, the Ontario Provincial Police, and the FBI. He also has performed violent crime analysis and assisted law enforcement agencies across the State and nation with offender characteristics and investigative strategies; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Barton has served as an adjunct faculty member at the American Academy of Applied Forensics and the National Forensic Academy at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and he provides extensive training to sexual assault nurse examiners on a yearly basis; and

Whereas, he and his beloved wife, Donna, live in Lexington, and with special assistance from their bulldog, Bella, Donna manages to see to it that Bo behaves himself. He has two fine sons, Shane Barton who lives in Spartanburg and Lance Barton who lives in Hartsville; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Bo Barton has devoted to law enforcement in this State and wish him many years of enjoyment as he begins his well‑earned retirement on May 15, 2018. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Lieutenant Durwood “Bo” Barton, Jr., a criminal profiler and supervisor in the Behavioral Science Unit of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, upon the occasion of his retirement after three decades of exemplary service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lieutenant Durwood “Bo” Barton, Jr.

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