**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE RON FARETRA, FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER NINETEEN YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Ron Faretra will begin a well‑deserved retirement after almost twenty years of service to the City of Goose Creek as its finance director; and

Whereas, Mr. Faretra earned an associate’s degree in business management from New Hampshire College, an associate’s degree in traffic management from the Community College of the Air Force, and a bachelor’s degree in occupational education from Southern Illinois University. He also completed an Accounting and Finance Officers School for the United States Air Force, an Advanced Leadership/Management Development Course at the Senior NCO Academy, and Total Quality Management and Team Building/Leadership from the United States Air Force; and

Whereas, in the United States Air Force, he served his country with distinction in Vietnam and all over the globe during a twenty‑seven‑year military career, retiring at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in 1995; and

Whereas, from 1968 to 1985 in the Air Force, Mr. Faretra traveled all over the world as an Aircraft Loadmaster with many missions in the Vietnam War and was stationed several times in Charleston. During his final ten years in the military, his roles included Wing Staff Training Loadmaster, Loadmaster Superintendent, Deputy Accounting and Finance Officer, Deputy Defense Accounting Officer, and Defense Accounting Officer; and

Whereas, before he joined the City of Goose Creek, he served as a staff accountant for the Catholic Diocese of Charleston; and

Whereas, since 1998, Mr. Faretra has served the City of Goose Creek with consummate leadership and dedicated service, leading the finance department of a thriving and bourgeoning metropolis, one of the fastest growing cities in the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, responsible for the management of all of the city’s budgetary aspects, he has provided wise and steady financial stewardship under Mayor Michael Heitzler, as well as city administrators Dennis Harmon and Jake Broom, while supervising the collection of revenue and keeping department expenses consistent with department budgets; and

Whereas, Mr. Faretra’s duties also included the design and maintenance of accounting systems and the supervision of the Municipal Court and Administrative Department personnel; and

Whereas, with a sense of humor and a ready smile, he is never far away when a helping hand is needed or hard work is required; and

Whereas, an avid supporter of University of South Carolina athletics and a member of the Gamecock Club, Mr. Faretra has been a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus and served on the South Carolina Special Olympics Board of Directors; and

Whereas, he has always been a devoted family man, and together with his beloved wife, Bernadette Faretra, he reared three fine children: Jeff, Kristen, and Bradley. He plans to spend many happy hours of retirement traveling the country where he hopes to put his photography hobby to good use; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Ron Faretra has devoted to the City of Goose Creek and to our nation and hopes he has many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, congratulates Ron Faretra, Finance Director for the City of Goose Creek, upon the occasion of his retirement after nineteen years of exemplary service, and the members wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ron Faretra.

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