**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE MARK M. WILLIAMS, CITY ADMINISTRATOR FOR FOREST ACRES, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS THIRTEEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for thirteen years, the City of Forest Acres enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of Mark M. Williams, who retired in December 2017 from his position as city administrator for Forest Acres; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, Mark Williams earned a bachelor’s degree from Armstrong State College in Savannah and a master’s degree in public administration from the College of Charleston; and

Whereas, all told, Mark has thirty‑seven years of local government administrative experience, all in South Carolina, and he began the final leg of his local government career as city administrator with the City of Forest Acres in January 2005. Prior to his thirteen years with the City of Forest Acres, Mark served as administrator for the Town of Ridgeland, City of Isle of Palms, and Town of Summerville. In addition, he served as roving administrator for five towns throughout the Upper Savannah Council of Governments; and

Whereas, before entering local government, Mark worked in real estate sales and radio broadcasting; and

Whereas, over the years, Mark has held memberships in a number of professional associations: the South Carolina City/County Managers Association (SCCCMA); International City/County Managers Association (ICMA); Pi Alpha Alpha, National Honor Society of Public Affairs and Administration; and the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA). Further, he served as president of SCCCMA for the fiscal year 2015‑2016; and

Whereas, at home, Mark is the proud husband of Loretta, to whom he has been married for seventeen years. The Williamses plan to retire to the Georgia coast; and

Whereas, to recognize Mark for his many years of service to Forest Acres, his colleagues and family hosted a retirement celebration in his honor on January 3, 2018; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Mark Williams has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, most particularly those of Forest Acres, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement and trusts he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute Mark M. Williams, city administrator for Forest Acres, on the occasion of his retirement, extend deep appreciation for his thirteen years of distinguished service, and wish him much success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mark Williams.

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