**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE HAROLD A. CRAWFORD, JR., OF AIKEN COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SEVENTY‑FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE FUTURE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Harold A. Crawford, Jr., of Aiken County celebrated his seventy‑fifth birthday on July 14, 2017; and

Whereas, born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on July 14, 1942, the young Harold came into this world, in the middle of World War II, and just before the start of the Golden Age of Capitalism, a period of economic prosperity in the mid‑twentieth century which lasted until the 1970s; and

Whereas, as a young man, Mr. Crawford proudly served his country for two years as a member of the United States Army Special Forces. After serving in the armed forces, he demonstrated a commitment to working to ensure public safety and fighting corruption throughout his professional career; and

Whereas, he worked as an officer in the New York City Police Department (NYPD) for twenty‑three years, providing expertise in multifaceted criminal investigations and technical support for the department. He rose to the prestigious rank of Detective First Grade; and

Whereas, while a NYPD detective, Harold Crawford lectured to various law enforcement agencies and was a member of the executive board of the New York chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). He also is a member of the NYPD Honor Legion and is a life member of the NYPD Guardians Association; and

Whereas, in July 1989, Harold Crawford left the NYPD and joined the Office of Inspector General/Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) as a first investigative technical specialist. He rose to the rank of assistant deputy inspector general in charge of the Investigative Technical Support Unit, working on behalf of nearly four million commuters in the greater New York metropolitan area; and

Whereas, after retiring from the MTA and moving to Aiken County, he became involved in politics. In 2003, he began working with the Aiken County Democratic Party (ACDP) as an alternative executive committeeman. He later served as first vice chair and currently serves as chair of the ACDP; and

Whereas, under his leadership, the ACDP has grown in both membership and activities. The ACDP now has two annual fundraisers, a Democratic Women’s Club, and a North Augusta Democratic Club. The party fields candidates in major races in the Aiken County area with the goal to organize all of the precincts; and

Whereas, in addition to his work with the ACDP, Harold Crawford serves as deacon at Second Baptist Church. He also is a member of the Concerned Ministers Fellowship; and

Whereas, he serves on the executive board of the Aiken County Chapter of the NAACP and is a life member of the national organization. He also is a member of the American Legion Post 212 in Aiken and is a life member of the American Legion national organization; and

Whereas, he has been married to the lovely R.D. “Bunni” Crawford for forty‑seven years, and they have one wonderful daughter, Courtney N. Crawford. He remains greatly loved and respected by those who know him, and it is an honor to join with his family and friends in celebrating this milestone birthday. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Harold A. Crawford, Jr., of Aiken County on the occasion of his seventy‑fifth birthday and wish him much happiness in the future.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Harold A. Crawford, Jr.

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