**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR DAVIS M. HOLDER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE PELHAM‑BATESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to pause in their deliberations to express gratitude to Davis “Dave” M. Holder on the occasion of his retirement from the Pelham‑Batesville Fire Department on June 30, 2018, after fifty years of exemplary service; and

Whereas, Dave Holder has served in numerous capacities at the Pelham‑Batesville Fire Department, including as firefighter, fundraiser, driver, assistant fire chief, and commissioner. He even served as fire chief for a short period of time; and

Whereas, he served on the fire department for 18 years before being appointed to the Board of Fire Control in 1986. He was secretary/treasurer for the board from January 1987, until he was elected chairman on September 11, 1989, and has served as chairman ever since; and

Whereas, Dave Holder’s devotion to the community and the department has been truly remarkable. His presence will be greatly missed as he has dedicated himself to supporting the men and women of the department and to providing honorable service to the citizens of the Pelham‑Batesville community; and

Whereas, he is a long‑standing member of Pelham First Baptist Church, where he has served as deacon. He also has served on the Greenville County Special Purpose District Association and is an active member of the South Carolina Association of Special Purpose Districts; and

Whereas, furthermore, Dave Holder is a Korean War veteran, serving with the United States Army from 1953 to 1955; and

Whereas, he has been married to the love of his life, Frances, for sixty‑three blissful years. Together, they have one son and two daughters, and they have been blessed with six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the Palmetto State thank Dave Holder for his lifetime of service to his country, his State, and the Pelham‑Batesville community and wish him all the joy that life can provide. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Davis M. Holder on the occasion of his retirement from the Pelham‑Batesville Fire Department after fifty years of dedicated service and wish him much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Davis M. Holder.

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