**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAPTAIN RICHARD “RICKY” GRANT OF THE CHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY‑SEVEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate has learned that Captain Ricky Grant began a well‑deserved retirement on December 31, 2019, after thirty‑seven years as an exceptional firefighter, the last of which have been as a highly‑regarded captain with the Chester Fire Department; and

Whereas, Captain Grant began a life of service to his community at an early age with the West Chester Volunteer Fire Department where he continues to serve; and

Whereas, he later volunteered with the Chester County Rescue Squad as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and was often relied upon as a volunteer to transport needed blood from Columbia to the Chester County Hospital; and

Whereas, on January 1, 1983, Captain Grant began his faithful service to the Chester Fire Department and its citizens, fighting fire, mitigating emergencies, and providing a learning environment for junior firefighters, fire engineers, and fire officers; and

Whereas, in order to save tax payer funds, he consciously worked to cut fire department costs by providing in‑house maintenance repairs to fire department vehicles and facilities; and

Whereas, Captain Grant provided classrooms and training props at the Chester County Fire Training Center by initiating their development, construction, and maintenance. Whenever technology and training procedures changed, he was quick to modify or construct new props as needed; and

Whereas, he continued to serve his county and State with the Chester County Rural Fire Commission and then with the South Carolina Fire Commission under the South Carolina Budget and Control Board; and

Whereas, an assistant troop master with Boy Scouts of America Troop 64, Captain Grant served the youth of his community and county, and he was post leader with Chester County Fire Cadet/Explorer Post 503, where he helped to develop young men and women with a heart of service to the community, including his own son who continues to serve his community in emergency services; and

Whereas, grateful for his many years of unparalleled service to firefighting, the South Carolina Senate takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Ricky Grant as he transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the leisurely pace of the days ahead, and the members wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Captain Richard “Ricky” Grant of the Chester Fire Department, upon the occasion of his retirement after thirty‑seven years of outstanding 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 Captain Richard “Ricky” Grant.

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