**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALBERT W. HITCHCOCK OF HORRY COUNTY, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE MURRELLS INLET‑GARDEN CITY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE DISTRICT’S LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

Whereas, the members of South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that Albert W. “Al” Hitchcock has been honored for his years of dedicated service to the Murrells Inlet‑Garden City Fire District (MIGCFD) with Life Membership in the district; and

Whereas, nominations are evaluated by the Chief of the Fire District and recommended to the Board of Directors for their approval, and honorees receive plaques at the Annual Awards Banquet; and

Whereas, an inductee must have been an active member for at least fifteen consecutive years and at least fifty‑five years of age, having demonstrated outstanding service to their community and to the Fire District during that time; and

Whereas, a resident and successful businessman of Murrells Inlet, Mr. Hitchcock has served with distinction as a board member or chairman of the MIGCFD for twenty‑four years; and

Whereas, he was appointed to serve on the MIGCFD Board of Directors in 1994, and was elected to serve as its chairman in 1999; and

Whereas, when Mr. Hitchcock first joined the MIGCFD board, the district included two fire stations with five full‑time members per shift; and

Whereas, leading the MIGCFD during several years of rapid growth, he superintended the growth of the district to include four fire stations and eighteen full‑time members; and.

Whereas, Mr. Hitchcock spent many hours overseeing the construction of both Station 3 in 2006, and Station 4 in 2016, and, in 2015, under his leadership, the board was successful in realizing the first millage increase for the district in twenty‑three years; and

Whereas, in addition to his duties as board chairman, he spent untold hours of his own time to be an ambassador for the district, in both Horry and Georgetown counties; and

Whereas, the General Assembly appreciates the genuine concern that Al Hitchcock has provided for the MIGCFD, for its employees and volunteers and for the people who live, work, and visit there, and the members celebrate his recognition as a Lifetime Member of the district. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Albert W. Hitchcock of Horry County, former chairman of the Murrells Inlet‑Garden City Fire District Board of Directors, and congratulate him upon his induction into the district’s Life Membership.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Albert W. Hitchcock.

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