**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HAROLD T. BROWN, SPECIAL OPERATIONS COORDINATOR AT THE STATE HOUSE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TEN AND A HALF YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in its deliberation to express sincere gratitude to Harold T. Brown, as he retired from service with the South Carolina Department of Public Safety/Bureau of Protective Services at the State House on January 1, 2019; and

Whereas, born and reared in the South Bronx in New York, he graduated from Evander Childs High School in the Bronx. He attended Hostos Community College to study psychology and then joined the New York City Police Auxiliary; and

Whereas, in the early 1970s, Mr. Brown joined the United States Air Force Security Forces stationed in Grand Forks, North Dakota, in missile operations and was later stationed in Germany and at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina. He was honorably discharged after five years; and

Whereas, he joined the Orangeburg Police Department and attended South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. He joined the Greenville County Sheriff’s Office, serving as a field-training officer and also had a brief tenure with the South Carolina Highway Patrol; and

Whereas, with the Orangeburg Sheriff’s Office, Mr. Brown served in various positions, retiring in 2003. He then served as the coordinator for the Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile and law enforcement liaison; as the community outreach coordinator for the Tri County Commission on Drugs and Alcohol; and finally as a member of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety/Bureau of Protective Services stationed at the state’s Supreme Court; and

Whereas, after moving to South Carolina, he earned an associate’s degree in criminal justice from Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College in 1990, a bachelor’s degree in organizational management from Voorhees College in 1995, master’s degrees in business management from Southern Wesleyan University in 2005 and in criminal justice from Troy University in 2013; and

Whereas, while working at the South Carolina Supreme Court, Mr. Brown was diagnosed with a brain tumor and was given eighteen months to live, but after a lengthy surgery, he recovered with no side effects, and was able to return to work; and

Whereas, he held the position as special operations coordinator at the State House, ensuring the safety of the State House family and overseeing the governor’s routes. He served at the State House with dignity and honor for ten and a half years; and

Whereas, a member of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, he has been married to his beloved wife, Arlene, for thirty-eight years, and together they reared four fine sons. Sons Richard and Sean served as pages for the House of Representatives and are graduates of the University of South Carolina. Son Robert is a graduate of South Carolina State University, and Christopher is a veteran of the United States Air Force and works at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Harold Brown has devoted to the safety of the State House family, and the members wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Harold T. Brown, Special Operations Coordinator at the State House, upon the occasion of his retirement after ten and a half 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 Harold T. Brown.

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