**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF TREY COKER OF THE NORTH CHARLESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS THIRTY YEARS OF PROVIDING OUTSTANDING FIRE SERVICE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives has learned that Trey Coker, assistant fire chief of the North Charleston Fire Department, has completed thirty years of providing distinguished fire service in South Carolina, the past twenty‑five with the North Charleston Fire Department, and that he soon will retire; and

Whereas, greatly respected for his expertise and dedication to excellence, Assistant Fire Chief Coker has served an inaugural role in every major event over the past two decades relating to fire and emergency services. His contributions have improved quality of life not only for the citizens of North Charleston but also for other Americans across this country as many of the programs he has spearheaded have been copied and reestablished in various cities both statewide and nationally; and

Whereas, the most notable such program in the Greater Charleston area is the Metro Marine Unit. In 2013, Assistant Fire Chief Coker held key responsibilities in ensuring that training, resources, and standards of cover were established for this program that today encompasses both police and fire water assets and involves a working relationship with the U.S. Coast Guard; and

Whereas, one of his most noteworthy accomplishments was the specification and design of the Greater Charleston area’s first fireboat. In an area completely surrounded by water, there were not municipal fireboats to respond to fire events, rescue victims, and extinguish fires. North Charleston Fire Department Marine 201 is a visible symbol of Assistant Fire Chief Coker’s vision and drive for excellence. Further, his commitment has not been solely to the citizens of North Charleston. In recent days, following the catastrophic events of Hurricanes Matthew and Irma, Assistant Fire Chief Coker coordinated all personnel deployments to Florence and Horry County to assist with rescue efforts; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Assistant Fire Chief Coker has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, most particularly those of North Charleston, the House takes great pleasure in saluting him on his service and many accomplishments and in extending best wishes for the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Assistant Fire Chief Trey Coker of the North Charleston Fire Department upon the occasion of his retirement, thank him for his thirty years of providing outstanding fire service in South Carolina, 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 Assistant Fire Chief Trey Coker.

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