**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KEN TAYLOR, FIRE CHIEF OF SOUTH GREENVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Chief Ken Taylor will begin a well‑deserved retirement on January 31, 2020, after many years as a dedicated firefighter, the last eighteen of which have been as the distinguished and highly‑regarded fire chief of South Greenville Fire District; and

Whereas, born and raised in Pelzer, Ken Taylor began his fire service career in 1978 as a volunteer firefighter for Anderson County Fire Department; and

Whereas, he began his career with South Greenville Fire District in 2001 as training officer, and after one year with the department, he was appointed fire chief by the Board of Commissioners; and

Whereas, since 2002, Chief Taylor has enabled South Greenville Fire District to be strengthened and to progress with innovative improvements that have transformed the district’s fire service; and

Whereas, under his leadership, four fire stations have been replaced, one new fire station has been added, and two other stations have been renovated; and

Whereas, Chief Taylor has replaced all front line and reserve apparatus, added a one‑hundred‑foot platform and a three‑thousand‑gallon tanker, and replaced multiple other fire response vehicles; and

Whereas, during his tenure, the manpower for the department increased from eight firefighters on duty each shift to twenty‑two firefighters on duty each shift, more than doubling the department’s ability to respond to needs in the district; and

Whereas, devoted to his profession, Chief Taylor has served on multiple committees for the Greenville County Fire Chiefs and State Firefighters associations, being instrumental in the progress of the South Greenville Fire Department, Greenville County Fire Service, and fire service for the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in 1982, he married his beloved wife, Donna, and together they have reared two fine daughters who have blessed them with the affection of four grandchildren; and

Whereas, Chief Taylor continues to reside in Pelzer and attends New Hope Baptist Church; and

Whereas, grateful for his many years of distinguished service to the citizens of Greenville County, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives take great pleasure in extending best wishes to Ken Taylor as he transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the leisurely pace of 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 Ken Taylor, Fire Chief of South Greenville Fire District, upon the occasion of his retirement after eighteen 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 Chief Ken Taylor.

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