**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR CANE, BUREAU OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES K‑9 OFFICER, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT ON AUGUST 4, 2020, AFTER SIX YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AS HE ENJOYS HIS WELL‑EARNED REST.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Cane, Bureau of Protective Services K‑9 Officer, began a well‑deserved retirement after six years as a highly respected law enforcement officer working with his handlers, Corporal Andrew Schmidt and Lance Corporal Jess Driggers; and

Whereas, born July 21, 2008, Cane was selected for service as a military working dog with the United States Marine Corps (USMC). Trained as an IDD, improvised explosive device (IED) detector dog, Cane is capable of identifying and alerting his handler to twenty different scents; and

Whereas, stationed at Fort Bragg, Cane received predeployment training before each tour of duty at the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground military installation just outside of Yuma, Arizona, as well as at Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, California. Thereafter, he served his first tour of duty in Afghanistan from November 2011 through June 2012, and his second tour of duty in Afghanistan from April 2013 through October 2013 assigned to Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 7 under the care of his handler Lance Corporal Joseph Graves. Following his second deployment, Cane retired from service as a military working dog having achieved the rank of corporal; and

Whereas, upon his retirement from the USMC, Cane was brought into service with the Bureau of Protective Services (BPS) in March 2014. He served four years with Corporal Andrew Schmidt as his handler before coming into the care of Lance Corporal Jess Driggers in 2018; and

Whereas, always enthusiastic and ready to work, Cane’s six years of service with BPS serving as an explosives detection dog has been an invaluable resource to the State and its citizens; and

Whereas, now beginning to transition to a life after service, Cane still often shows his willingness and desire to put his talents and training to work. When relaxed at home, however, he often finds time and a seemingly inexhaustible source of energy to play with his favorite oversized Kong toy; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the many years of loyal and selfless service that BPS K‑9 Officer Cane has devoted over the course of his life to protect others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate and honor Cane, Bureau of Protective Services K‑9 Officer, upon the occasion of his retirement on August 4, 2020, after six years of exemplary service, and wish him much happiness as he enjoys his well‑earned rest.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Joseph Graves and Lance Corporal Jess Driggers on behalf of Bureau of Protective Services K‑9 Officer Cane.

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