**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR BEING AWARDED CALEA ACCREDITATION FOR THE FIFTH TIME.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the Lexington Police Department has been awarded Law Enforcement Accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. effective April 2, 2022; and

Whereas, the process of CALEA Accreditation begins with a rigorous self‑assessment, requiring a review of policies, practices, and processes against internationally accepted public safety standards, followed by an independent review by assessors with significant public safety experience; and

Whereas, following these assessments, public feedback is gathered to promote community trust and engagement, and structured interviews are conducted with select agency personnel and others with knowledge to assess the agency’s effectiveness and overall service delivery capacities; and

Whereas, the decision to accredit is rendered by a governing body of twenty‑one commissioners following a public hearing and review of all reporting documentation; and

Whereas, CALEA Accreditation is a continuous process and serves as the foundation for a successful, well-managed, transparent, community‑focused public safety agency. To this end, an agency must maintain its accredited status by remaining in compliance with CALEA standards at all times; and

Whereas, since it was established, the Lexington Police Department has consistently met the high standard of excellence for accreditation; and

Whereas, the Senate is grateful for the Lexington Police Department’s dedicated service to the people and the State of South Carolina and takes great pleasure in saluting the department for receiving CALEA Accreditation for the fifth time. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the Lexington Police Department for being awarded CALEA Accreditation for the fifth time.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Lexington Police Department.

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