**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SHERIFF JOHN EDWARD “ED” DARNELL UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS SHERIFF, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS FORTY-TWO YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO BAMBERG COUNTY AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Sheriff John Edward “Ed” Darnell upon the occasion of his retirement as sheriff; and

Whereas, a lifelong South Carolinian, Sheriff John Edward “Ed” Darnell has faithfully served Bamberg County since 1978, making him the third longest-serving active sheriff in the United States; and

Whereas, Sheriff Darnell is known for his activism and dedication to justice, especially in his strong advocacy for victim’s rights in Bamberg County and throughout the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, throughout his storied career, Sheriff Darnell has received countless awards and accolades, including being named 2001 Sheriff of the Year by his peers and 2008 Sheriff of the Year by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Victim Advocate’s Association. In 2019, the Bamberg County Council recognized his historic achievements by naming the new home of the Sheriff’s Department the Ed Darnell Law Enforcement Center; and

Whereas, Sheriff Darnell has provided a lifetime of dedicated service, contributions, and achievement to Bamberg County. He has earned a high level of trust, confidence, and respect, both amongst his fellow officers and with the general public; and

Whereas, the Senate is grateful for the passion, commitment, and dedication that this son of South Carolina has shown in serving the State and the people of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Sheriff John Edward “Ed” Darnell upon the occasion of his retirement as sheriff, commend him for his forty-two years of distinguished public service to Bamberg County and the State of South Carolina, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sheriff John Edward “Ed” Darnell.

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