**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR BENNY FRANK DEBRUHL UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT RETIREMENT AS ASSISTANT SERGEANT AT ARMS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS TWENTY‑NINE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE, AND TO OFFER HIM BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, upon the occasion of his recent retirement, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to recognize the outstanding public service that Benny Frank DeBruhl, their friend and colleague, has rendered to this body; and

Whereas, Benny DeBruhl was born the eldest son of the late Kershaw County Sheriff and Mrs. L.L. “Hector” DeBruhl (Nancy). A graduate of Camden High School, Benny earned a degree in criminal justice from Midlands Technical College; and

Whereas, in 1991, he began his career with the South Carolina House as Assistant Sergeant at Arms and Assistant Director of House Security for Sergeant at Arms Mitch Dorman, faithfully serving until his retirement on September 29, 2020. Over the years, he earned the trust and admiration of the members of the House. He leaves a lasting legacy of integrity and excellence in service; and

Whereas, serving in law enforcement (LE) has been a lifetime commitment for the DeBruhl family, a career Benny proudly chose to follow. Benny’s grandfather served twenty‑five years as a police officer in Kershaw County, including five years as county sheriff. Benny’s father served as a Camden police officer and as sheriff of Kershaw County in a career of over thirty‑four years; and

Whereas, while attending college to prepare for his own LE career, Benny served as a dispatcher with the City of Columbia Police Department. After graduation, he joined the Kershaw County Sheriff’s Department, where he served as a deputy sheriff for eleven years. While with the department, Benny served as a road officer, shift lieutenant, and investigator. He also designed the department’s badge and uniform patch, did crime scene photography, and assisted in the operation of the department’s film lab; and

Whereas, further, Benny served as a driving and shooting instructor at the South Carolina Police Academy. An expert marksman, Benny has won numerous shooting competitions; and

Whereas, now that his LE career of more than forty‑three years is complete, Benny is able to spend more time with his family, especially his grandchildren. In his free time, Benny enjoys woodworking and furniture building; and

Whereas, Benny has been married to his beloved wife, Phyllis Twitty DeBruhl, for forty‑three years. They are the proud parents of three children, Nikki Green, Ben DeBruhl, and Morgan Preger, as well as the delighted grandparents of three adorable granddaughters, Jenna, Madi, and Mia; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the passion and diligence that Benny DeBruhl showed in serving the State of South Carolina. His many friends in the body take great pleasure in wishing him all the best in his retirement and trust he will find much enjoyment and fulfillment in the days ahead. Benny would likely say it’s “better than he deserves,” but the members and staff of the House of Representatives disagree and insist that he deserves the very best in his retirement and life. 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 Benny Frank DeBruhl upon the occasion of his recent retirement as Assistant Sergeant at Arms for the South Carolina House of Representatives, extend deep appreciation for his twenty‑nine years of exemplary and devoted service to the South Carolina House, and offer him best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Benny Frank DeBruhl.

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