**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR POLICE CHIEF DENNIS TYNDALL UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE WEST COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS THIRTY‑SEVEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE WITH THE FORCE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, since 1984, the City of West Columbia has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of West Columbia Police Chief Dennis Tyndall, who in the coming months will retire from his post after nearly four decades of service to the force, the last twenty‑four years as its chief of police; and

Whereas, Chief Tyndall began his career with the City of West Columbia in 1984 as a patrolman and worked his way up through the ranks. In 1997, he became chief of police, making him currently the longest‑serving police chief for the City of West Columbia. He was responsible for integrating state‑of‑the‑art policing technology into the department before anyone else in the State had done so; and

Whereas, over the years, Chief Dennis Tyndall has received many awards and other recognitions for his accomplishments. He was named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Cayce West Columbia Optimist Club (1989), was an FBI National Academy Graduate (Session 183, 1995), and served as president of the Lexington County Law Enforcement Officers Association (1995). He also was sworn in as a U.S. deputy marshal for the Operation Intercept Joint Fugitive Task Force (2004), and won both the 2007 Municipal Association of South Carolina Municipal Achievement Award and the 2007 Santee Cooper Award of Excellence; and

Whereas, in 2008, he founded the West Columbia Police Officers Foundation and in that same year was selected as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association and as winner of the Alltel Crime Prevention Award by the same body. Further, in 2009, Chief Tyndall received the Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement; and

Whereas, under his watch, the West Columbia Police Department was recognized in 2008 by Harvard University’s Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation as being among the Top 50 Most Innovative Police Departments in the United States of America; and

Whereas, Chief Tyndall is an active member of the FBI National Academy Associates, Lexington County Law Enforcement Officers Association (life member), South Carolina Police Chiefs Association, South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (life member). He currently serves on the Lexington County Narcotics Enforcement Team (board member) and West Columbia Police Officers Foundation (board member); and

Whereas, the House is pleased to learn that Chief Tyndall will remain with the West Columbia Police Department during the search for his successor and will assist with the transitional process; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Chief Tyndall has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, the House takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement and trusts he will find much enjoyment in the more 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, congratulate and honor Police Chief Dennis Tyndall upon the occasion of his retirement from the West Columbia Police Department, thank him for his thirty‑seven years of outstanding service with the force, and wish him continued success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to West Columbia Police Chief Dennis Tyndall.

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