**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE FORMER IRMO CHIEF OF POLICE COURTNEY DENNIS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT DEPARTURE FROM THE IRMO POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON TWENTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT AS HE TAKES UP NEW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, for two decades, the Irmo Police Department has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of Courtney Dennis, who on August 19, 2021, stepped down from his position as police chief to accept new challenges and opportunities as administrator for the Town of Irmo; and

Whereas, in 2001, Chief Dennis began his career with the Irmo Police Department as a reserve police officer, and he was hired as a full‑time patrol officer in 2002. He worked his way through the ranks and served in a variety of positions, including K9 officer, field training officer, evidence custodian, patrol corporal, patrol sergeant, investigations sergeant, and, ultimately, captain of the Irmo Police Department; and

Whereas, appointed to the position of chief of police in July 2020, Chief Dennis led the Irmo Police Department’s thirty‑three officers and civilian employees until his recent move to the post of town administrator for Irmo; and

Whereas, Courtney Dennis served the Irmo Police Department as a committed servant‑leader, providing a professional community‑oriented policing style to the citizens who live, work, and visit the Town of Irmo. This continued commitment has resulted in recognition for the Town of Irmo as one of America’s safest cities; and

Whereas, further, as part of supporting the department’s core values of integrity, professionalism, and dependability as a way to enhance the town’s quality of life, Chief Dennis maintained an open‑door policy and encouraged the community to come and meet its police officers and support personnel; and

Whereas, to this day, Courtney Dennis has dedicated his career to serving with excellence the people of South Carolina, most particularly those of Irmo. As he undertakes his new duties as Irmo’s town administrator, he brings with him that excellence and dedication for which he long has been known; and

Whereas, grateful for the consistent commitment and outstanding leadership Courtney Dennis has bestowed on this great State, the General Assembly takes much pleasure in wishing him well in all his future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, salute former Irmo Chief of Police Courtney Dennis on the occasion of his recent departure from the Irmo Police Department, congratulate him on twenty years of distinguished service to the department, and wish him continued success and fulfillment as he takes up new challenges and opportunities in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Courtney Dennis.

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