**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE THE LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR BEING AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, INC. (CALEA) FIVE CONSECUTIVE TIMES.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to recognize the Lexington Police Department upon receiving a Law Enforcement Advanced Reaccreditation Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., effective April 2, 2022; and

Whereas, the CALEA is the “Gold Standard in Public Safety” with a review of policies and practices against internationally accepted public safety standards; and

Whereas, CALEA standards provide for a proven management system of written directives, sound training, clearly defined lines of authority and routine reports that support decision‑making and resource allocation; and

Whereas, CALEA Accreditation embodies the precepts of community‑oriented policing and creates a forum in which law enforcement agencies and citizens work together to prevent and control challenges confronting law enforcement and provides clear direction about community expectations; and

Whereas, the CALEA Accreditation process is a rigorous assessment and serves as the foundation for a successful law enforcement agency. Further, the Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation utilizes additional standards to further validate an agency’s ongoing commitment to attaining the highest level of professionalism possible; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Chief of Police Terrence Green, the Lexington Police Department has been a well‑managed, transparent, and community‑focused public safety agency; and

Whereas, the Lexington Police Department embraces the community policing concept and strives to solve problems by building a partnership with the community they serve; and

Whereas, since it was established, the Lexington Police Department has consistently met the high standard of excellence for accreditation in leadership, resource management, and service delivery; and

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

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend and congratulate the Lexington Police Department for being awarded Accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) five consecutive times.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Chief Terrence Green.

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