**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE BRUCE M. BRYANT FOR HIS FIVE YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HOUSE DISTRICT 48 IN YORK COUNTY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for five years and with great integrity, the Honorable Bruce M. Bryant has represented the citizens of York County’s District 48 in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, born in York on July 12, 1951, he is the son of the late Lewis G. and Lucille Ledford Bryant. Through the course of his life, in service to his career in law enforcement, Representative Bryant graduated from the University of South Carolina Lancaster in 1984, was a graduate of the FBI Executive Training Academy, and was a graduate of the National Sheriffs’ Association Training Academy; and

Whereas, known for his diligence, integrity, and desire to protect and serve the citizens of this great State, Representative Bryant began his distinguished law enforcement career in 1972 as a deputy in the York County Sheriff’s Office. Respected for the quality of his work and well liked by his colleagues, he was rising through the ranks before he chose to leave the department and serve as a special agent with the State Law Enforcement Division for ten years. In 1996, he ran a successful campaign to become Sheriff of York County, where he transformed the department in nearly every aspect to become a well-respected and distinguished department that could ably serve the needs of the citizens of York County; and

Whereas, during the course of his twenty years of public service as the sheriff of York County, Representative Bryant was recognized with numerous accolades. In addition to serving as president of the South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association and being named Sheriff of the Year, Representative Bryant’s notable awards include the South Carolina Order of the Palmetto Award, the South Carolina Patriot Award, the Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement, and the Jim DeMint South Carolina On the Move Award; and

Whereas, Representative Bryant has served the citizens of District 48 in the House of Representatives with dedication since 2017. In his final legislative session, he proudly served on the Interstate Cooperation Committee and on the Judiciary Committee; and

Whereas, throughout his five decades of public service, he has always had the patience, love, and support of his family, including his wife of more than thirty years, Blanche; his four children, Beth Tolson, Melisa Haller, Jeanette Kelly, and Hope Maske; and his ten wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, with the understanding that Bruce M. Bryant will not seek re-election, his colleagues in the House of Representatives wish to take the time to thank him for his dedicated service to the people of District 48 and extend warmest wishes to both him and his family for all the best life has to offer in the coming years. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Bruce M. Bryant for his five years of committed service to the citizens of House District 48 in York County and wish him much success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Bruce M. Bryant.

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