**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BUREAU OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES MASTER OFFICER DESMOND PERRY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, since 2007, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety’s Bureau of Protective Services (BPS) has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and commitment of Master Officer Desmond Perry, who retired from his post on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, after a law enforcement career of more than twenty years; and

Whereas, Officer Perry began his law enforcement career in 2001 with the Lexington County Sheriff’s Department in the detention center. In 2004, he took up his duties as an officer with the Richland County Sheriff’s Office, where he diligently performed his duties until 2006, after which he spent a year as an officer with the City of Columbia Police Department; and

Whereas, in 2007, Officer Perry took up his duties as an officer with the South Carolina Department of Public Safety’s Bureau of Protective Services. As an officer with BPS, he was tasked with executing the division’s primary responsibility of providing law enforcement functions for the South Carolina State Capitol Complex, the Governor’s Mansion Complex, and at other contracted state facilities; and

Whereas, well respected by his peers for his excellent service, Officer Perry was recognized for his service and in 2012 and 2014 was nominated for Bureau of Protective Services Officer of the Year. After his two previous nominations, in 2015, he was named Officer of the Year. Additionally, in 2016 he was a South Carolina Department of Public Safety GEM Award recipient; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Master Officer Desmond Perry has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, 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, recognize and honor Bureau of Protective Services Master Officer Desmond Perry of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety upon the occasion of his retirement, thank him for his many years of outstanding service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Master Officer Desmond Perry.

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