**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GARY L. CALDWELL OF GOOSE CREEK FOR HIS DEDICATED MILITARY AND CIVIL SERVICE, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM CIVIL SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina Senate celebrates those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to serve the citizens of this great State and country. Prominent in the roll call of such benefactors to the Palmetto State and the United States of America is Gary L. Caldwell of Goose Creek, who, after forty‑five years of distinguished military and civil service, will soon retire from civil service; and

Whereas, Gary Caldwell enlisted in the United States Navy in 1974 and over a span of twenty‑six years compiled an impressive record of service on numerous sea, shore, and staff duty assignments; and

Whereas, most notably, he served tours aboard USS *Wichita* (AOR‑1); Naval Brig, Millington, Tennessee; USS *New Jersey* (BB‑62); instructor duty at Fort McClellan, Alabama, Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS); Security Detachment Iceland; Security Detachment Bahrain; USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN‑71); Security Detachment Guam; and Security Detachment Kings Bay, Georgia, culminating in his transfer to the Fleet Reserve in November 2000, the year of his retirement from the military with the rank of lieutenant commander; and

Whereas, in 2002, he embarked on a second career, this time in civil service, as director of security at Naval Weapons Station in Earle, New Jersey, during the height of the station’s support of Operation Desert Storm; and

Whereas, in 2007, he accepted the post of deputy security director at the Naval Weapons Station in Charleston, South Carolina, and in early 2008 he took over as director of security at what was then the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center in Charleston; and

Whereas, in November 2009, he assumed his final role in civil service as director of command operations and head of special programs for what is now the Naval Information Warfare Systems Center Atlantic; and

Whereas, grateful for Gary Caldwell’s legacy of consistent commitment and excellence, the Senate is pleased to wish him well as he enters retirement on April 30 of this year, and the members extend best wishes for much satisfaction in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Gary L. Caldwell of Goose Creek for his dedicated military and civil service, congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement from civil service, and wish him much success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Gary L. Caldwell.

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