**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DIRECTOR BYRON SNELLGROVE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CAYCE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Director Byron Snellgrove upon the occasion of his well-deserved retirement on December 31, 2021; and

Whereas, Director Snellgrove has displayed exemplary public service in his thirty-eight years as a law enforcement officer, the last five of which he served as Cayce’s distinguished public safety director; and

Whereas, Director Snellgrove began his career in law enforcement as a deputy for Beaufort County. He began serving the Cayce Department of Public Safety in April 1997 as part of the narcotics investigations team, where he rose to the rank of lieutenant; and

Whereas, he then moved to the Lexington County Sheriff’s Department, where he led narcotics investigations. He returned to Cayce’s Public Safety Department in 2012, with certifications in Internal Affairs, as a police and fire instructor and an NRA instructor. He served as Public Safety lieutenant and Patrol Operations and Training Division commander for the Cayce Department of Public Safety for three years; and

Whereas, in May of 2016, Director Snellgrove became the city of Cayce’s director of public safety. He has served the citizens of Cayce well, earning and keeping agency accreditation for the department, creating a community policing initiative (COPS) and a K‑9 team, and securing numerous prestigious awards for the department and personnel; and

Whereas, Director Snellgrove is also certified as an Emergency Response to Terrorism instructor, a Hazardous Materials Technician instructor, and a Weapons of Mass Destruction Live Agent instructor. He is a former member of the University of South Carolina Pistol Team, a former state advisor of the South Carolina Association of Law Enforcement Explorers, and a former state secretary for the South Carolina Gang Investigators Association; and

Whereas, Director Snellgrove is married to Nancy Snellgrove, with whom he has two daughters, three stepsons, one granddaughter, and one grandchild on the way; and

Whereas, Director Snellgrove has shown passion and dedication in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. His retirement is well-earned. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Director Snellgrove upon the occasion of his retirement as director of public safety, commend him for his thirty-eight years of dedicated service to the city of Cayce, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Director Byron Snellgrove.

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