**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE FRANK L. “VAL” VALENTA, JR., UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS FORTY-THREE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Frank L. “Val” Valenta, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles on September 16, 2021; and

Whereas, a native of New York. He is an alumnus of the University of South Carolina, where he received his electrical engineering degree in 1969 and his law degree in 1978; and

Whereas, Val began working for the State of South Carolina in 1978. He served in the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office in the Antitrust division, the Child Support Enforcement division, and the Post‑Conviction Relief division throughout his tenure; and

Whereas, in 1990, Val began serving as General Counsel for the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. From 1993 to 2003, Val served as General Counsel for the South Carolina Department of Public Safety; and

Whereas, Val has served as General Counsel for the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) since 2003, when the agency was formed. He is a renowned legal expert and is frequently consulted by the South Carolina General Assembly and other organizations for advice on legal and legislative issues. Val has worked on numerous impactful cases over the years, many of which are still cited today; and

Whereas, Val is married to Kathy Wade, and together, they have three children: Trey Valenta, married to Angie; Michael Valenta, married to Holly; and Benton Wislinski, married to Merrill. They have three beloved grandchildren, Mae, Alec, and Owen; and

Whereas, after a lifetime of varied and dedicated service that consistently has evidenced professional knowledge, skill, and experience, Val is much deserving of a restful and enjoyable retirement; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the passion and dedication that Val has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Frank L. “Val” Valenta, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement as General Counsel of the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, commend him for his forty-three years of dedicated service to the State of South Carolina, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Frank L. “Val” Valenta, Jr.

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