**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ELTON O. SPAIN, SR. UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS A DEPUTY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OFFICER, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SENATE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Elton O. Spain, Sr. upon the occasion of his retirement from the Senate Sergeant at Arms office; and

Whereas, Mr. Spain graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and from the Central Christian University of South Carolina in 2012 with a Master of Christian Education; and

Whereas, Mr. Spain began his career with the Midlands Community Action Agency in 1975 as a Center Director, managing an outreach center, supervising employees, and assisting the elderly and then as assistant manager at Eckerd Drugs, Inc.; and

Whereas, Mr. Spain began his distinguished career as a state employee at the South Carolina Department of Corrections in 1977, where he worked until 1985. At the Department of Corrections Mr. Spain was a Correctional Operations Officer, a Classification Caseworker, and an Orientation Caseworker; and

Whereas, from 1985 to 2003, Mr. Spain worked for the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services as a Probation and Parole Agent, a Court Intake Officer, and then as a Parole Examiner; and

Whereas, from 2004 to the present, Mr. Spain has worked for the South Carolina State Senate as a Deputy Sergeant-At-Arms Officer responsible for ensuring the safety of State Senators. He has worked to ensure the safety of Senators and staff by maintaining order during committee meetings, escorting Senators, providing security at statewide hearings, monitoring the closed circuit camera system, and screening all persons entering and exiting senate office buildings; and

Whereas, Mr. Spain is married to Rodella Spain, and together, they have two sons, Elton O. Spain, Jr. and Tyler Spain; two daughters-in-law, Jerusha Spain and Charla Spain; and one grandson, Lincoln Spain; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the passion and dedication that Mr. Spain 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 Elton O. Spain, Sr. upon the occasion of his retirement as a Deputy Sergeant-At-Arms Officer, commend him for his eighteen years of dedicated service to the South Carolina Senate, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Elton O. Spain, Sr.

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