**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PHILLIP HALL FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER AS THE INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are deeply grateful to all of those who serve the citizens of our great State in law enforcement, such as Lancaster Interim Police Chief Phillip Hall; and

Whereas, Chief Hall has served with distinction as the interim chief of the Lancaster Police Department for the past ten months during a difficult and tumultuous time for the department; and

Whereas, in the proud tradition of sons of the Palmetto State, he served his country in the United States Air Force from 1993 to 1996 before joining the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office for four years. In 2000, he chose to join the Lancaster Police Department; and

Whereas, he worked his way up through the department, serving as a patrol officer, warrant officer, narcotics investigator, SWAT operator, detective sergeant, patrol sergeant, patrol lieutenant, detective lieutenant, and the captain of the Patrol Division; and

Whereas, in 2016, a freak accident left Chief Hall blind in one eye, and doctors determined not only that the eye could not be saved, but also that it was endangering the sight of his other eye, so in order to save the sight of the other eye, the damaged eye had to be removed months after the accident. He was concerned for his health, but he suffered more to think he might never be able to come back to the work he loved at the Lancaster Police Department; and

Whereas, he devoted all of his energy into doing whatever he could to insure he would one day wear the badge again. He knows that he was able to do so because of the grace of God and the support of his family, his church, the department, and the entire community; and

Whereas, after being named the interim police chief, Chief Hall suffered great personal tragedy in the loss of his father, but he never lost focus on the position he had accepted and his responsibility to the citizens of Lancaster; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives expresses genuine gratitude to Philip Hall for his deep commitment and many sacrifices on behalf of the Lancaster Police Department, and the members wish him all the best as he leaves his post. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives express their sincere appreciation to Phillip Hall for his service to the City of Lancaster as the interim chief of police and wish him continued success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lancaster Interim Police Chief Phillip Hall.

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