A SENATE RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR JAMES ROBERT “JIM” MELTON UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS SERGEANT AT ARMS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS FORTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE, AND TO OFFER HIM BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate recognize the outstanding public service that James Robert “Jim” Melton, their friend and colleague, has rendered to the body upon the occasion of his retirement; and

Whereas, Jim Melton was born on October 31, 1952, the son of the late William A. Melton and Phyllis Glover (Melton) Kelly. He graduated from Camden High School and the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy; and

Whereas, Jim began his career with the South Carolina Senate on October 6, 1978 as an Officer with Senate Security. He was promoted to Lieutenant over Senate Security in the Gressette building, and he was appointed Assistant Sergeant at Arms on October 1, 1986 and elected on January 13, 1987. He was further appointed Sergeant at Arms on November 21, 1989 and elected on January 9, 1990 and has served continuously since that time; and

Whereas, a leader in his field, Jim has served the National Legislative Services and Security Association as Region 4 Vice Chair and Chair; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd trustee; Vice President; and President. He has also been a driving force providing valuable

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insight to members and staff on numerous committees and work
groups of the National Conference of State Legislatures, including
the Executive Committee; and

Whereas, given his many years of experience and expertise, Jim has
received a number of honors and awards throughout his career,
including Outstanding Young Men in America recognition, the
National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Staff
Achievement Award, the National Legislative Services and Security
Association Tony Beard Memorial Award, and the National
Legislative Services and Security Association John Everhardt
“Trooper” Award; and

Whereas, Jim has been married to his wife, Brenda Baker Melton,
for forty-five years. Together, they have two children, James Robert
Melton and Julie Melton Orren, and four grandchildren, Addison,
Aidan, Elizabeth, and Kelly; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for
the passion and diligence that Jim Melton has shown in serving the
State of South Carolina. His many friends in the body take great
pleasure in wishing him all the best as he enters retirement, and the
members trust he will find much enjoyment and fulfilment in the
days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution,
congratulate and honor James Robert “Jim” Melton upon the
occasion of his retirement as Sergeant at Arms for the South
Carolina Senate, extend deep appreciation for his forty years of
exemplary and devoted service to the South Carolina Senate, and
offer him best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to
James Robert “Jim” Melton.

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