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**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; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> trustee; Vice President; and President. He has also been a driving force providing valuable

1 insight to members and staff on numerous committees and work  
2 groups of the National Conference of State Legislatures, including  
3 the Executive Committee; and  
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5 Whereas, given his many years of experience and expertise, Jim has  
6 received a number of honors and awards throughout his career,  
7 including Outstanding Young Men in America recognition, the  
8 National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Staff  
9 Achievement Award, the National Legislative Services and Security  
10 Association Tony Beard Memorial Award, and the National  
11 Legislative Services and Security Association John Everhardt  
12 “Trooper” Award; and  
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14 Whereas, Jim has been married to his wife, Brenda Baker Melton,  
15 for forty-five years. Together, they have two children, James Robert  
16 Melton and Julie Melton Orren, and four grandchildren, Addison,  
17 Aidan, Elizabeth, and Kelly; and  
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19 Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for  
20 the passion and diligence that Jim Melton has shown in serving the  
21 State of South Carolina. His many friends in the body take great  
22 pleasure in wishing him all the best as he enters retirement, and the  
23 members trust he will find much enjoyment and fulfilment in the  
24 days ahead. Now, therefore,  
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26 Be it resolved by the Senate:  
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28 That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution,  
29 congratulate and honor James Robert “Jim” Melton upon the  
30 occasion of his retirement as Sergeant at Arms for the South  
31 Carolina Senate, extend deep appreciation for his forty years of  
32 exemplary and devoted service to the South Carolina Senate, and  
33 offer him best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.  
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35 Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to  
36 James Robert “Jim” Melton.  
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