



Resolution Honoring *Alvin Taylor*

Whereas, we honor and celebrate the commitment, dedication and leadership, of Alvin Taylor as he retires from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) after over 42 years of professional experience serving the public by leading teams and developing innovative solutions that have advanced conservation initiatives, and

Whereas, Alvin earned a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from Clemson University and he completed training at the U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Training Center in 1976, and graduated from the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy in 1977; and ,

Whereas, as Director of SCDNR, Alvin always enjoyed the full support of the SCDNR Board of Directors and set himself apart as an agency leader due to his integrity and friendly demeanor, and he worked to protect land for the agency's Wildlife Management Area and Heritage Preserve programs, totaling more than 1.1 million acres, and

Whereas, we express our gratitude for his immeasurable contributions serving as a Law Enforcement officer with the then-S.C Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, where he progressed through the ranks serving as an officer, private first class, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, major, and colonel, the agency's law-enforcement chief, and after leading the SCDNR's Law Enforcement Division, Taylor was named agency director in 2012; and,

Whereas, under his leadership the SCDNR built a youth shooting sports program that reaches 50,000 students across the state and established a Governor's Cup top prize for clay target sports shooters who compete for more than \$125,000 in college scholarship money, and the agency worked with the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) to build the Palmetto Shooting Complex followed by the Wateree Range, a sporting clays, rifle and pistol range, and

Whereas, Taylor worked equally hard to provide leadership and increased funding for the many SCDNR teams, including the biologists and technicians who toil to restore habitats and protect game and non-game species native to SC and in this role, Taylor notably led the South Carolina Quail Council as chairman of the steering committee in the agency's renewed efforts to restore bobwhite quail in South Carolina in sustainable, huntable numbers, and

Whereas, Alvin is an active member of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), serving as its president in 2003, and he is the State Boating Law Administrator for South Carolina, Alvin has received the 2013 Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement, Governor Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., Leadership Award in 2005, Meritorious Public Service Commendation from the Department of Homeland Security in 2004, Patriotic Employer Award from the National Committee for Employer Support of the National Guard and Reserve in 2003, the DNR Meritorious Service Award in 1997, the Bonner Award, the NASBLA Award from the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, the SC Association of Conservation Districts President's Award in 2014, the NWTf's Lynn Boykin Hunting Heritage Award in 2016, the Order of the Palmetto from Governor Nikki Haley in 2016, the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Appreciation Award for Service as President 2017-2018, the US Fish & Wildlife Service Southeast Region 2017-2018 Regional Director's Conservation Award, and the National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs Legacy Award for 2018; and,

Whereas, Alvin grew up on a farm in Marion County, South Carolina, which had a profound influence on his love for the outdoors and his interest in pursuing a career in the conservation; where his father taught him to love hunting and fishing; and Alvin still enjoys spending time hunting, fishing and exploring South Carolina's coastal barrier islands, and especially enjoys spending quality time with his family, and is committed to sharing his passion for conservation and love of the outdoors with his children and grandchildren.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Southeastern Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) expresses its sincere congratulations to Alvin Taylor for his years of service, efficient and effective development of wildlife resources and for his dedication and professionalism in serving the public – a true quality of the SEAFWA organization.

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