

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL FOR THE COUNTY OF LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, MEETING IN GENERAL SESSION THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT, ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING:

WHEREAS, Resident Deputy Wayne Wilson retired June 29, 2008 after 10 years of honorable service with the Lexington County Sheriff's Department and 20 years of distinguished service as Police Chief for the Town of South Congaree; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 Resident Deputy Wayne Wilson worked in partnership with the owner of a mobile home park on Leaphart Road, local church leaders and local community groups to reduce violations of Lexington County zoning ordinances, as well as criminal activity at the mobile home park. The effort resulted in a decrease in calls for law enforcement services at the mobile home park from 650 in 2002 to 35 in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Wilson organized an effort by the Sheriff's Department Community Response Team and Lexington County Department of Public Works to clean up dense woods near homes on Worlin Drive that were used by drug dealers to hide from law enforcement officers and conceal their illegal activity. As a result, Keep the Midlands Beautiful presented the Community Service Award to the Sheriff's Department in recognition of the effort, which eliminated calls for law enforcement services in the area; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Wilson developed a computer-based system to keep track of all convicted sex offenders who were registered with the Sheriff's Department and lived in the North Region Patrol District, which is based near Irmo. Deputy Wilson maintained and updated information that included each offender's home address, place of employment, home and work telephone numbers and make, model, color and license plate number of each offender's motor vehicle. The system proved to be an effective law enforcement tool; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Wilson recommended creating the Community Response Team in the North Region Patrol District and recommended assigning resident deputies, code enforcement officers and traffic enforcement officers to work as a team on community oriented policing projects. Deputy Wilson initiated and maintained open and honest communication with community leaders, church groups, neighborhood crime watch groups, civic groups, business leaders, and concerned citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of Lexington County Council, honor **RESIDENT DEPUTY WAYNE WILSON** as a model law enforcement officer whose conduct exemplified the concept of community oriented policing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend to Deputy Wilson our best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous retirement.

William C. "Billy" Derrick, Chairman

Debra B. "Debbie" Summers, Vice Chairman

James E. "Jim" Kinard, Jr.

George H. "Smokey" Davis

Bobby C. Keisler

Johnny W. Jeffcoat

John W. Carrigg, Jr.

William B. Banning, Sr.

M. Todd Cullum

ATTEST:

Diana W. Burnett, Clerk

