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Press Release

To: News Media
CC: Bamberg County Administration
From: Bamberg County Public Information Office
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Re: Pulaski Recognized by South Carolina Litter Association

Bamberg, South Carolina (February 2018) – On February 22, 2018, the South Carolina Litter Control Association recognized Bamberg County Litter Enforcement Officer Farrell Pulaski. Officer Pulaski was awarded the Lower Region Individual Leadership Award during the SCLA's annual conference in Myrtle Beach. The award recognizes outstanding leadership to the cause of litter awareness, enforcement, and pickup programs in South Carolina.

Officer Pulaski began work with Bamberg County in April 2017. He retired from South Carolina Department of Natural Resources in 2012 after a long career as a game warden. Bill Johnson, Bamberg County Director of Operations nominated Officer Pulaski for the SCLA award. "Farrell's professional experience has been very beneficial to Bamberg County Code Enforcement Department, as it is a small department with only one full-time litter officer," stated Johnson. "In the past ten months, Farrell has worked over 55 litter cases and issued over 49 tickets. His work has resulted in the removal of approximately of 20 tons of litter from Bamberg County."

"Bamberg County is fortunate to have someone with Farrell's expertise and experience on our team," stated Joey Preston, Bamberg County Administrator. "Litter is a continuous problem in Bamberg County and the nation. It negatively affects economic and community development. Bamberg County thanks Officer Pulaski for his dedication, service, and exemplary performance. His recognition with the SCLA Leadership Award is a testament to his quality of work for the county."

As Bamberg County's only full-time Litter Enforcement officer, Pulaski enforces the county's litter control ordinance through public awareness, investigation, and corrective action. "I am honored to receive this award," stated Officer Pulaski. "Bamberg County has a team working to reduce litter problems and I am proud to be a part of that team. It's important to both enforce litter laws and also to educate citizens about the negative impacts of litter, illegal dumping, and unsecured loads."

To report litter in Bamberg County, call the Litter Hotline at 803-245-7959 or email (with pictures if possible) <u>litterenforcement@bambergcounty.sc.gov</u>. Statewide litter reports can be made to

1234 NORTH STREET P.O. BOX 149 BAMBERG, SOUTH CAROLINA 29003 Phone: (803) 245-5191 Fax: (803) 245-3027 PalmettoPride at 877-7LITTER (754-8837). The South Carolina Litter Control Association promotes litter enforcement, protects the environment, and helps to increase public awareness of the problems associated with litter. Additional information about the SCLA and their work can be found on their website at www.sclittercontrol.org

"Bamberg County Council is proud of Officer Pulaski's impressive efforts to enforce the Bamberg County litter ordinance," said Isaiah Odom, Bamberg County Councilman. "We want our county to be attractive for our residents and to attract businesses. Council congratulates Officer Pulaski on this notable award and appreciate his service to improve Bamberg County."

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