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A house RESOLUTION

to extend deepest appreciation of the South Carolina House of Representatives to Optus Bank for exemplary service, leadership, and contributions to the well-being of our community.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives celebrate the enduring commitment of Optus Bank for more than a century to build a stronger, more prosperous community in recognition of this milestone; and

Whereas, Optus Bank has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the community for the past one hundred two years and played a pivotal role in fostering economic growth, financial inclusion, and community development in underserved communities; and

Whereas, Optus Bank has demonstrated a commitment to closing the racial wealth gap, exacerbated by systemic disparities in the financial industry; and

Whereas, following in the footsteps of its predecessor bank Victory Savings Bank, the first Black‑owned bank in South Carolina, Optus is committed to providing access to capital to all individuals and businesses, especially those excluded from the banking system; and

Whereas, Optus Bank has been a beacon of stability and support for many, providing essential financial services and empowering individuals and businesses; and

Whereas, Optus Bank was the 2023 Robert J. Brown Minority Business Enterprise Award recipient for exceeding industry standards and achieving financial success while showing a commitment to social responsibility and community involvement; and

Whereas, as a certified Community Development Financial Institution, the mission of Optus Bank is to foster economic growth and financial inclusion in the communities it serves; and

Whereas, Optus Bank is ready to support the financing needs of existing customers and prospects, as demonstrated by its one thousand percent growth over the past six years; and

Whereas, Optus Bank proudly serves as a Minority Depository Institution, where diversity is celebrated as America’s greatest strength; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values Optus Bank’s enduring dedication to the community that has positively impacted countless lives, contributing to the overall well‑being and prosperity of citizens in the Palmetto State, and the members look forward to the continued, positive impact for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, extend deepest appreciation to Optus Bank for exemplary service, leadership, and contributions to the well‑being of our community.

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