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A house RESOLUTION

To honor John Hite Gallman for his significant contributions to developing legislation that allows children equal access to both parents after separation or divorce.

Whereas, John Hite Gallman is an esteemed resident of Myrtle Beach and father to Roselynn Grace Gallman, Graham Robert Gallman, and Sienna Mechelle Neuman; and

Whereas, John Gallman has been instrumental in filing and advocating for legislation in South Carolina which would allow children equal access to both parents after divorce or separation; and

Whereas, John Gallman is the South Carolina Chair of Americans for Equal Shared Parenting; and

Whereas, John Gallman has made numerous trips to the South Carolina State Capitol to educate legislators on the importance of children having equal access to both of their biological parents; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Census Bureau, children growing up in fatherless homes make up 71% of high school dropouts, 85% of those in prison, 85% of children who exhibit behavioral disorders, and 90% of homeless and runaway children; and

Whereas, Swedish researcher Dr. Malin Bergstrom has studied data on 150,000 teenagers and found shared parenting to be second only to intact families in promoting children’s mental health; and

Whereas, numerous peer-reviewed studies have shown that children raised with equal access to both biological parents do better socially, emotionally, academically and mentally compared to children raised by only one parent; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives extend their most hearty congratulations to John Gallman at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor John Hite Gallman for his significant contributions to developing legislation that allows children equal access to both parents after separation or divorce.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to John Hite Gallman.

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