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**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE DISMAY AND REGRET OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE CHOICE OF WORDS USED BY MR. RUSTY DePASS RECENTLY WHICH DISRESPECTED, BOTH PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY, THE FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MICHELLE OBAMA.

Whereas, it is with much regret that the members of the House of Representatives have learned recently that Mr. Rusty DePass, a prominent former state official and leader in a political party in this State used language that has caused great disfavor on the First Lady of the United States of America, Michelle Obama; and

Whereas, the members of the House express shock and dismay that Mr. DePass would use language which would insult the First Lady; and

Whereas, the members of the House are mortified that this South Carolinian would bring such embarrassment upon our State; and

Whereas, the admiration that many South Carolinians have for Mrs. Obama and the work that her husband and she have done in trying to lead our country during this most difficult time is truly felt and should not be diminished by these callous comments about her; and

Whereas, the references to the First Lady in no way represent our respect and devotion for her as she travels around the world representing her husband and our nation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives express their dismay and regret on the choice of words used by Mr. Rusty Depass recently which disrespected, both personally and professionally, the First Lady of the United States of America, Michelle Obama.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President and First Lady of the United States and each member of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation.

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