COMMITTEE REPORT

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**S. 1418**

Introduced by Senator Ford

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**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (S. 1418) to request that the Department of Transportation name the intersection located at the juncture of United States Highway 17 and Magnolia Road in Charleston County, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

LISTON D. BARFIELD for Committee.

**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTURE OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 AND MAGNOLIA ROAD IN CHARLESTON COUNTY “JAMES J. FRENCH INTERSECTION” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERSECTION THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “JAMES J. FRENCH INTERSECTION”.

Whereas, Mr. James J. French forged a prestigious career as a retired United States Navy Chief Journalist and as Editor of the Charleston Chronicle which he founded in 1971; and

Whereas, as a youth, Jim had an obsessive interest in writing. His early exposure to journalism began when he worked with black‑owned weekly newspapers in Kansas and later with the Michigan Chronicle in Detroit; and

Whereas, during his military service, Jim served as a photo‑journalist with the Navy’s All Hands magazine. He also served as a station manager for both radio and television stations on naval bases in Spain, Cuba, and Puerto Rico; and

Whereas, he has interviewed numerous world‑famous personalities that include President Dwight Eisenhower, Fidel Castro, the Queen of Greece, and actress, Ava Gardner; and

Whereas, during the Vietnam War he received numerous awards that included the Bronze Star and the Presidential Citation; and

Whereas, under his leadership the Charleston Chronicle has received recognition from the South Carolina Press Association, and received special recognition on many occasions from the National Newspapers Publishers Association; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to recognize the many contributions that Mr. James J. French has made to this State and our nation by naming an intersection in Charleston County in his honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly request that the Department of Transportation name the intersection located at the juncture of United States Highway 17 and Magnolia Road in Charleston County “James J. French Intersection” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this intersection that contain the words “James J. French Intersection”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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