**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE GEORGE M. HEARN, JR., FOR HIS FOUR YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 105 IN HORRY COUNTY AND TO WISH HIM CONTENTMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for four years, the Honorable George M. Hearn, Jr., has represented the citizens of House District 105 in Horry County with faithful integrity in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, in preparation for a multifaceted career, George earned his bachelor of arts degree in economics from Duke University in 1974, and a law degree from the University of South Carolina in 1977. Following law school, he served as a clerk to the Honorable J. Woodrow Lewis, Chief Justice of South Carolina, from 1977 to 1979; and

Whereas, a native of Rock Hill, George is a son of Martha Hearn and the late George M. Hearn, Sr. He made Conway his home after his judicial clerkship, and has practiced law in Horry County ever since. Notably, George practiced law with his wife of 32 years, Kaye Gorenflo Hearn, before she began a judicial career in which she has risen to become an associate justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court; and

Whereas, during his years in the House of Representatives, George Hearn has proven his worth as a member of the Judiciary Committee, of which he is second vice chairman. He is known for his keen intellect, tireless work ethic, and unfalteringly affable demeanor; and

Whereas, an accomplished attorney, George has also served the South Carolina Bar with distinction as a member of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline from 1983 until 1986, including service on its Executive Board from 1985 to 1986, the South Carolina Board of Bar Examiners from 1986 to 2008, including service as its chairman from 1997 to 2008, and service on the South Carolina Bar Foundation Board since 2006; and

Whereas, Representative Hearn believes in giving back to his community and does so in volunteer service with various organizations. Past or present positions include service, often as a board member, with the Horry County Red Cross, Horry County Shelter Home, Conway Hospital Foundation, Horry County Solid Waste Authority, and Conway Medical Center; and

Whereas, in recognition for his civic and professional accomplishments, George received the Gold Compleat Lawyer Award from the University of South Carolina School of Law Alumni Association. George is undoubtedly worthy of the award, which recognizes alumni who have made significant contributions to the legal profession and exemplify the highest standard of professional competence, ethics and integrity; and

Whereas, as a proud husband and father, he is blessed with his beloved wife, and his daughter, Kathleen Wrenn, a graduate of Wofford College and student at the Charleston School of Law. He draws his strength from their strong support and from his faith, nurtured through worship at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, George Hearn’s colleagues in the House of Representatives, understanding he will not seek re‑election, thank him for his dedicated service to the people of District 105 and extend heartiest wishes for all the best life has to offer in the coming years. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable George M. Hearn, Jr., for his four years of committed service to the citizens of District 105 in Horry County and wish him contentment and success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable George M. Hearn, Jr.

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