**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE KEVIN L. JOHNSON OF CLARENDON COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that Kevin Johnson will retire from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, born in 1960 in Kentucky, the son of Sallie and the late Willie Johnson, Kevin Johnson earned a bachelor of science from the University of South Carolina in 1982; and

Whereas, he and his beloved wife, Gloria Johnson, married in 1987 and reside in Manning, and together they reared three fine children: Kimberly, Kenneth, and Kyndra; and

Whereas, an active member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Ebenezer Baptist Church, he has served on the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce and on the Harvin Clarendon County Library Board; and

Whereas, deeply involved in his community, he served as Chairman of Black River Healthcare, Inc., from 1988 to 2004 and as President of the South Carolina Conference of Black Mayors from 2004 to 2010; he also participated in Leadership South Carolina in 1995, the National Conference of Black Mayors from 2003 to 2009, and the South Carolina Executive Institute in 2006; and he served on the Santee‑Lynches Council of Governments from 2000 to 2011, the South Carolina Association of Regional Councils from 2002 to 2011, and the Regional Counter Terrorism Coordinating Council; and

Whereas, he served the citizens of his city and county on Clarendon School District 2 from 1988 to 2000, on the Manning City Council from 1994 to 2000, and as mayor of the City of Manning from 2000 to 2011; and

Whereas, he has faithfully served the citizens of District 64 in the House of Representatives since April 4, 2011 when he was elected in a special election; during this time he has been a member of the Medical, Military, and Public and Municipal Affairs Committee; and

Whereas, during his tenure in office, he has provided practical and thoughtful insight for this chamber; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the steady and earnest service that Kevin Johnson, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives, and hope that he will enjoy deep fulfillment in the 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, recognize and commend the HonorableKevin L. Johnson of Clarendon County for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents and the citizens of South Carolina and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Kevin L. Johnson.

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