**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE JAMES M. “JIMMY” NEAL OF LANCASTER 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 James M. “Jimmy” Neal will retire from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term after fourteen years of outstanding service; and

Whereas, born April 30, 1943, the son of the late James M. Neal and the late Annie Neal Smith, Jimmy Neal earned a bachelor’s in science from Clemson University in 1965 and a master’s in education from Winthrop University in 1978; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife, Harriett Hawkins, in 1966, and together they reared two fine children, Bryant and Scott, and he resides in Kershaw, having served as a school principal before retiring; and

Whereas, a loyal member of Center Grove Baptist Church, he has been deeply involved in his community; he was a member of the Lancaster County Election Commission and was a member of the Lancaster County Literacy Council from 1990 to 1998; and

Whereas, he has faithfully served the citizens of District 44 in the House of Representatives since 1999, during which time he has served on the Education and Public Works Committee, where he served as first vice chair of the committee; this session he has been devoted in his service as chairman of the K-12 subcommittee; and

Whereas, for his significant contributions to education, he was inducted into the Lancaster County Education Hall of Fame in 2006, and for his outstanding service in the House of Representatives he was named Emergency Medical Services Legislator of the Year in 2007; and

Whereas, during his tenure in office, he provided keen and caring insight to this chamber concerning the needs of students and the educational system in the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the earnest and faithful service that Jimmy Neal, 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 HonorableJames M. “Jimmy” Neal of Lancaster 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 James M. “Jimmy” Neal.

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