**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR JOHN T. JONES, JR., PRESIDENT AND DEALER‑OPERATOR OF JONES CHEVROLET‑CADILLAC IN SUMTER, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NOMINATED FOR THE 2014 *TIME* DEALER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that John T. Jones, Jr., president and dealer‑operator of Jones Chevrolet‑Cadillac in Sumter, has been nominated for the 2014 *TIME* Dealer of the Year Award; and

Whereas, *TIME* Dealer of the Year award recipients are auto dealers who demonstrate a long‑standing commitment to community service. The award is sponsored by *TIME* magazine in association with Ally and in cooperation with NADA; and

Whereas, Mr. Jones, who will be honored, along with the other nominees, at the 97th annual National Automobile Dealers Association Convention & Exposition in New Orleans on January 25, 2014, gives full credit for his achievement to his partnership with his brother, Jim Jones, and to the mentoring he received from his father, John Jones, Sr.; and

Whereas, having learned from his father the importance of doing business with integrity and giving back to the community, Mr. Jones long has put into practice the principles so carefully taught to him. This third‑generation automobile dealer has been involved in service with Sumter Habitat for Humanity, the Sumter YMCA, Tuomey Foundation, Kiwanis Club, and Light of Sumter Pregnancy Center; and

Whereas, in addition, he has supported Safe Kids of Sumter County, Shaw Air Force Base‑Sumter Community Council, Salvation Army, Boys & Girls Club of Sumter, Toys for Tots, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, and United Way, among other organizations; and

Whereas, Mr. Jones, in conjunction with the Midlands Chevy Dealers, also supported the Drive for Perfection program, under which a new Chevrolet Cruse is awarded to a randomly selected high school senior with perfect attendance; and

Whereas, the proud husband of Mrs. Ginger Jones and delighted father of John III, Robert, and Virginia, Mr. Jones has enjoyed the pleasure of seeing his sons join him in business. His children have given him the further joy of six charming grandchildren; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives recognizes that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like John T. Jones, Jr., who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor John T. Jones, Jr., president and dealer‑operator of Jones Chevrolet‑Cadillac in Sumter, for his outstanding community service, and congratulate him on being nominated for the 2014 *TIME* Dealer of the Year Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to John T. Jones, Jr.

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