**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE J. ROLAND SMITH OF AIKEN 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 J. Roland Smith will depart from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, born in Aiken County in 1933, he was awarded a degree from Universal Bible Institute in Alamo, Tennessee, and received continuing education at the University of South Carolina‑Aiken and at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

Whereas, with his beloved wife of more than sixty years, Peggy C. Cato, he resides in Langley, and together they reared three fine children: Garry, Todd, and Caroline; and

Whereas, away from his duties in the House of Representatives, he served as a rural mail carrier, from which he is retired, and as a minister and businessman; and

Whereas, he has been deeply involved in his community, serving as commander of Beech Island Rural Community Water District for ten years and on the Aiken County Board of Education for six years, four years as its vice chairman; and

Whereas, he has faithfully served the citizens of District 84 in the House of Representatives since March of 1989 with sound constructive guidance and leadership, during which time he has served on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and on the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee and the Property and Casualty Insurance Subcommittee and Labor and Commerce Subcommittee; and

Whereas, Representative Smith’s quiet, but calm disposition along with his deliberate and determined manner have served him well throughout his tenure at the General Assembly, including his prior service as Chairman of the House Ethics Committee and his current service as third Vice Chair of the Ways and Means Committee and as Chairman of the Ways and Means Transportation and Regulatory Subcommittee; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the keen and dedicated service that J. Roland Smith, 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 HonorableJ. Roland Smith of Aiken County for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents and the citizens of South Carolina and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable J. Roland Smith.

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