**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE HARRISON REARDEN FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 277 AND FONTAINE ROAD IN RICHLAND COUNTY “HARRISON REARDEN INTERCHANGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERCHANGE THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “HARRISON REARDEN INTERCHANGE”.

Whereas, the Honorable Harrison Rearden, a native of Edgefield County, after completing his undergraduate studies at South Carolina State University, did his graduate work at Fisk and Indiana University; and

Whereas, Harrison Rearden is an exemplary leader and manager with a career spanning more than forty‑five years which include experiences as a secondary school teacher, district manager in the life insurance industry, Sergeant with the United States Army Reserve for ten years, and twenty‑nine years in state government, from which he retired; and

Whereas, throughout his adult life, Mr. Rearden has unselfishly given of himself in public service which began with his participation in the civil rights movement and continues to this day; and

Whereas, among the many boards, commissions, and committees on which he has served, Mr. Rearden is a member of the deacon ministry in his church; executive board member of the United Baptist Deacons of Columbia; regional board member of the American Lung Association and the Blue Ridge Institute; past board member of the Central South Carolina Alliance; board member of the Action Council of South Carolina and the South Carolina State Employees Association; advisory board member to the Salvation Army; member of the Columbia Luncheon Club; chairman of the Meadowlake voting precinct; former chairman of the Columbia Metropolitan Airport Commission; and former member of the Commissioners Steering Committee, Airport Council of North America; and

Whereas, he serves as the Sixth District Commissioner of the South Carolina Department of Transportation, and past chairman of the Enhancement and Invitations and Resolutions Committees of the Commission; and

Whereas, throughout the breath and length of his tenure on the various boards, commissions, and committees, Harrison Rearden has had his faithful wife at his side, Alethia, sharing in his successes at every turn; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to congratulate Harrison Rearden for his many years of public service and to recognize the tremendous contributions that this son of South Carolina has made to his state and this nation by naming a highway facility in his honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly congratulate Harrison Rearden for his many years of public service and request the Department of Transportation name the interchange located at the intersection of South Carolina Highway 277 and Fontaine Road in Richland County “Harrison Rearden Interchange” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this interchange that contain the words “Harrison Rearden Interchange”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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