**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BEN MOÏSE OF CHARLESTON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are delighted to learn that Ben Moïse of Charleston will celebrate his seventieth birthday on May 16, 2013; and

Whereas, born in Florence the son of the late Robert and Ethel Moïse, Ben has been married to his beloved Anne Miller Moïse for forty‑six years. The couple have two daughters, Melissa McLeod of St. Matthews and Sarah Young of Charleston, who have given their parents the joy of three grandchildren, Margaret Anne McLeod, Sarah Elizabeth McLeod, and Benjamin Rutledge Young; and

Whereas, this retired game warden, caterer, author, and raconteur grew up in Bishopville and Sumter. The young Ben graduated from Carlisle Military School in Bamberg and the University of South Carolina and earned his master’s degree from Webster University; and

Whereas, after serving in the U.S. Coast Guard for four years, Ben returned to Charleston, where he created an award‑winning walking tour of the city, started a catering business, operated a bike‑rental business, originated a service for brochure distribution, wrote for several newspapers and magazines, worked as a stevedore, and then found his true calling as a game warden for the South Carolina Department of Wildlife (now the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources), where he and his dog, Belle, served for twenty‑five years. Currently, he is a freelance writer and frequent speaker and is well known as a caterer specializing in oyster roasts and Frogmore stews across the State and beyond; and

Whereas, in addition, the versatile Ben has authored a best‑selling book based on his experiences with the Wildlife Department, *Ramblings of a Lowcountry Game Warden*, and he has edited another book, *A Southern Sportsman: The Hunting Memoirs of Henry Edwards Davis*; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is proud to honor this son of South Carolina at the celebration of his seventieth birthday, and the members join with his family and friends in congratulating him on reaching this important life milestone. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Ben Moïse of Charleston on the occasion of his seventieth birthday and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and much happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Ben Moïse.

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