**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHARLES LUCAS, MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE ON THE WALTERBORO CITY COUNCIL, AND WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Mayor Pro Tem Charles Lucas for his significant contributions to the City of Walterboro as he begins his well‑deserved retirement at a reception in his honor on June 25, 2013; and

Whereas, born and reared in Walterboro, he graduated from Walterboro High School in 1966 and served twenty‑five years in the United States Army, including two combat tours in Vietnam, two tours in Germany, and a combat tour in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm; and

Whereas, he retired from the Army as a master warrant officer and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, 54 Air Medals, Meritorious Medal, and Army Commendation Medal; and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor’s in professional aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and a master’s in special education from Georgia Southern University; and

Whereas, the co‑owner and broker in charge of Walterboro Realty, he serves as a teacher of special education at Colleton Middle School; and

Whereas, since July 2005, he has served on the Walterboro City Council, giving his expertise to the Budget Committee and the Joint Railroad Right of Way Committee; and

Whereas, Mayor Lucas has guided Walterboro through its growth as the economic center of Colleton County while it has maintained its small‑town character and charm; and

Whereas, with dedication to his neighbors and his community, he served as the past council representative for the City Appearance Board and as the past chairman of the Walterboro Planning Commission; and

Whereas, he currently serves as a member on the Board of Vestry for St. Jude’s Episcopal Church and as a board member of Live Oak Cemetery; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of thirty‑five years, Cindy Hudson Lucas, he has reared two fine daughters, Heather and Holly; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the years of dedication that Charles Lucas has devoted to the City of Walterboro and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Charles Lucas, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Walterboro, upon the occasion of his retirement as a public official after eight years of outstanding service on the Walterboro City Council, 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 City of Walterboro Mayor Pro Tem Charles Lucas.

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