**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. AND MRS. WELDON F. FALLAW OF LEXINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BLESSING AND FULFILLMENT.

Whereas, the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina

are delighted to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Weldon F. Fallaw will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 2, 2013; and

Whereas, both born and reared in Union, they attended the same church and were high school sweethearts. Weldon Fallaw was the youngest of seven children in his family, and Jane Toney, the third of four children, completed high school in 1962 and attended business college in Spartanburg; and

Whereas, in 1963 in the month of June when roses send their fragrant and colorful blooms abroad, Weldon Fallaw and Jane Toney pledged to one another a lifetime of love and sharing as they were joined in holy matrimony; and

Whereas, they lived briefly in Union before moving to Columbia in 1964 for Weldon to attend the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, together they reared two fine daughters, Gena Elizabeth Fallaw Turner and Toney Katherine Fallaw Rish, and they blessed their parents with three adoring grandchildren: Jacob Foster Turner, Elizabeth Reed Turner, and Olivia Katherine Rish; and

Whereas, for almost fifty years, the Fallaws have been active and faithful members of State Street Baptist Church, both serving on various committees, singing in the choir, teaching classes for the youth and adults, all the while embodying the Christian life and marriage; and

Whereas, Weldon Fallaw worked for the South Carolina Tax Commission and Liberty Life Insurance and then served the Baptist Foundation of South Carolina with devotion for twenty‑eight years before retiring in 2009. He also served with honor in the National Guard; and

Whereas, Jane Fallaw served the State of South Carolina for forty‑three years, twelve of those years with Vocational Rehabilitation and thirty dedicated years for the South Carolina Senate before she retired in 2008; and

Whereas, with intrinsic commitment to helping others, the Fallaws continue to serve using their time, talents, and resources without hesitation in a myriad of charitable ways within their family, church, and community, and throughout the State; and

Whereas, no success on earth authenticates and crowns a life as does a marriage that endures the test of time and grows stronger with each passing year; and

Whereas, Mr. Fallaw has learned the veracity of the proverb, “Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord,” and he now considers one of his crowning achievements as having had the good sense to marry his beloved Jane; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to honor this son and daughter of South Carolina and express appreciation to them for their example of a half century of felicity and fidelity. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Weldon F. Fallaw of Lexington County on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of blessing and fulfillment.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. and Mrs. Weldon F. Fallaw.

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