**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to note that the South Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association (SCAPA) is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in 2016; and

Whereas, incorporated in November 1966, SCAPA is a nonprofit trade association representing the asphalt pavement producers in the Palmetto State, as well as the suppliers to the industry, and the organization generates a 1.2 billion dollar economic impact in the State of South Carolina each year through its member businesses; and

Whereas, SCAPA plays a key role in strengthening the state’s economy by providing asphalt used in the construction of the interstate highway system in South Carolina, as well as other highways, roads, streets, parking lots, and airports; and

Whereas, through the quality‑improvement program it has established with the South Carolina Department of Transportation, SCAPA focuses on continually improving the quality of asphalt pavement; and

Whereas, in addition, SCAPA has facilitated technology improvements and advanced new asphalt pavement technologies through partnerships, publications, educational seminars, and presentations; and

Whereas, SCAPA also has fostered students and young professionals and encouraged them to pursue careers in the asphalt‑paving industry in several ways: by establishing the South Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association Internship Program, funding an asphalt pavement research lab at Tri‑County Technical College in Pendleton, funding research of great significance relating to asphalt pavement, and sponsoring textbooks for college‑level civil engineering courses; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association and the industry will continue to expand their state‑of‑the‑art resources, create jobs and capital investment, generate a significant impact on the state’s economy, and give back to the state’s communities through philanthropic initiatives. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the South Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and extend best wishes to the organization for continued success in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the South Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association.

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