**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BILLY THREADGILL, OWNER OF VAN’S AUTO SALES IN FLORENCE, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AMONG AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM AS HE BECOMES THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENT AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Billy Threadgill will become the president of the National Independent Automotive Dealers Association (NIADA) at the association’s meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, on June 14, 2016; and

Whereas, at the age of fourteen, he began working in the service department of his father’s automotive business, Van’s Auto Sales in Florence. The Threadgill family business has had a remarkable reputation for over forty years, having sold more than ten thousand five hundred motor vehicles during that time; and

Whereas, active in the Carolinas Independent Automobile Dealers Association (CIADA), Mr. Threadgill followed in his father’s footsteps to serve as a second generation president of the association, doing so during its golden anniversary year; and

Whereas, he has been honored by CIADA with numerous awards, including being named the 2006 Quality Dealer of the Year, inclusion into the CIADA Hall of Fame in 2007, and receiving the Eagle Award, the association’s highest honor for membership recruitment; and

Whereas, Mr. Threadgill is one of only six dealers statewide who holds the prestigious Certified Master Dealer (CMD) professional designation, an honor held by fewer than one hundred dealers across the country. The designation is attained by completing an intensive academic endeavor conducted by NIADA in association with Northwood University and by maintaining high‑level business requirements; and

Whereas, today the family business has reached the third generation, now that his son Michael works in the dealership with him. Fewer than ten independent dealerships nationwide boast three generations in the business; and

Whereas, Michael Threadgill has recently followed in his father’s footsteps in earning a CMD designation and is learning the independent used car business; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Dottie, Billy Threadgill has reared two fine sons, Chip and Michael, and he is a devoted member of Florence Baptist Temple; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the high standard of excellence that Billy Threadgill has applied to his sales and service of automobiles and his distinguished and successful business practices, and the members congratulate him as he becomes the president of NIADA. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Billy Threadgill, owner of Van’s Auto Sales in Florence, for his outstanding leadership among automotive dealers and congratulate him as he becomes the president of the National Independent Automotive Dealers Association.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Billy Threadgill.

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