**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE HENRY PAUL ELIAS, JR., OF LEXINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY MORE YEARS OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Henry Paul Elias, Jr., of Lexington County is celebrating his fiftieth birthday this year; and

Whereas, born on June 28, 1966, to Mr. Henry Elias and the present Mrs. Jane East, the young Paul graduated in 1984 from Irmo High School, where he was a member of the 1982 Class AAAA State Championship soccer team. He continued to play soccer at Wofford College for two years before completing his undergraduate degree and master of business administration at the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in March 1992, Paul married his lovely Amy, and the two have a fine family of three children: Paul, twenty‑three; Brooke, twenty‑one; and Zach, nineteen; and

Whereas, this lifetime Lexington County resident is a local business co‑owner of an IT staffing company, Systemtec, Inc.; and

Whereas, as a man of faith, Paul, with his family, is a member of Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church in Lexington. He enjoys supporting the work of the South Carolina Special Olympics Silver Seals swim team and Sharing God’s Love, an organization that helps families in crisis in the Columbia area; and

Whereas, away from the office, Paul relishes hunting, boating on Lake Murray, relaxing on Seabrook Island beach, spending time with his family, working on his land, and cheering on the University of South Carolina football team; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to honor Paul Elias at the celebration of his fiftieth birthday and joins with his family and friends in congratulating him on reaching this important life milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Henry Paul Elias, Jr., of Lexington County on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and many more years of health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Paul Elias.

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