**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND SOLLIE E. COOPER, JR., MEMBER OF THE SANTEE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC. BOARD OF TRUSTEES, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BOARD AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly has learned that Sollie E. Cooper, Jr., member of the Santee Electric Cooperative Inc. Board of Trustees, will retire from the board on June 30, 2015, after fifty years of distinguished service to the members of the cooperative; and

Whereas, a lifelong resident of Williamsburg County, Mr. Cooper was born the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sollie E. Cooper and was well educated in the public schools of the county. Early showing his dedication to hard work and excellence, Mr. Cooper played semiprofessional baseball in his youth; and

Whereas, Mr. Cooper has devotedly served his community as a former postal delivery employee for the United States Postal Service and as the former owner and operator of Cooper’s Community Store; and

Whereas, in June 1965, Mr. Cooper was elected a member of the Santee Electric Cooperative Inc. Board of Trustees, which has its headquarters in Kingstree and provides power to nearly forty‑five thousand accounts in Clarendon, Florence, Georgetown, and Williamsburg counties; and

Whereas, in appreciation for his high merit and dedication as a trustee, in 1992 Sollie Cooper received the Director’s Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and in 2002 he received the Board Leadership Certificate and the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate; and

Whereas, during his fifty years as a trustee, Mr. Cooper has completed sixty‑five qualifying courses to ensure his full preparation to serve cooperative members to the best of his ability; and

Whereas, Mr. Cooper showed his leadership and loyalty to the board in holding the office of secretary‑treasurer from April 2008 until April 2015; and

Whereas, in addition to his work as a Santee Electric Cooperative Inc. trustee, Sollie Cooper serves his community and his God as a faithful member of Suttons United Methodist Church in Andrews; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and leadership Sollie Cooper has bestowed on this great State, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he retires from the board and trusts he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and commend Sollie E. Cooper, Jr., member of the Santee Electric Cooperative Inc. Board of Trustees, upon the occasion of his retirement from the board and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sollie E. Cooper, Jr.

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