**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MR. JOHN F. HASSELL, III, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PORTS AUTHORITY, FOR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE PORTS AUTHORITY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, a native of Charleston, South Carolina, Mr. John F. Hassell, III has dedicated nearly fifteen years to serving the South Carolina State Ports Authority; and

Whereas, Mr. Hassell received a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of South Carolina prior to enlisting in the United States Army; and

Whereas, early in his career, Mr. Hassell worked for Santee Cooper and the South Carolina Department of Commerce. He spent eighteen years serving as president of the Maritime Association of South Carolina and was the founding president of the Charleston Port and Seafarers Society and the South Carolina World Trade Center; and

Whereas, Mr. Hassell was appointed to the Board of Directors of the South Carolina State Ports Authority in 2001, and served as the board’s secretary and vice chairman during his tenure; and

Whereas, Mr. Hassell served as interim president of the State Ports Authority from January to August 2009, bringing sound leadership and exceptional expertise during a critical time for the Port; and

Whereas, together with his wife Jane, Mr. Hassell raised three children, who blessed their parents with several grandchildren; and

Whereas, grateful for Mr. Hassell’s commitment to the South Carolina State Ports Authority and to the maritime community, the members of the Senate take great pleasure in recognizing his many years of outstanding service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Mr. John F. Hassell, III, Vice Chairman of the South Carolina State Ports Authority for nearly fifteen years of dedicated service to the State Ports Authority and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. John F. Hassell, III.

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