**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE OWNERS AND EMPLOYEES OF BARRINGER’S JEWELERS, INC., IN MARION COUNTY FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM AS THEY CELEBRATE THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING PERSONALIZED CUSTOMER SERVICE IN THE SALE OF QUALITY JEWELRY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that Barringer’s Jewelers, Inc., will celebrate seven decades of offering premier jewelry to the community of Mullins; and

Whereas, the founder of Barringer’s Jewelers, Martin Barringer, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, was only twenty‑seven years old when he decided to open a jewelry business to provide the residents of Mullins with merchandise that was normally offered only to a larger clientele found in cities; and

Whereas, in 1947, Barringer’s Jewelers, Inc., opened for business on North Main Street in Mullins. Twelve years later, the business moved to its current South Main Street location, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003; and

Whereas, when Martin Barringer retired in 1977, his daughter, Nancy Williams, and her husband, Ted, returned to Mullins to run the business; and

Whereas, in 1978, Drew Foil joined the business as a fourteen‑year old. Now an expert in stone setting and jewelry repair who trained at the Gemological Institute of America, he is a partner and jeweler at Barringer’s, where he plans to finish his career; and

Whereas, having opened its doors in an era when women did not wear earrings for pierced ears and watches did not use batteries, Barringer’s has seen many changes in jewelry fashions in the seven decades since. It has adapted accordingly while maintaining a tradition of excellent customer service; and

Whereas, because the Barringer family calls Mullins home, each customer to Barringer’s Jewelers is treated with the kindness and consideration the employees would give to their neighbors without compromising value when doing business; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is grateful for the entrepreneurial spirit that Barringer’s Jewelers has brought to Marion County and to the citizens of Mullins, and the members wish the partners many years of continued success in 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 the owners and employees of Barringer’s Jewelers, Inc., in Marion County for outstanding service to their community and congratulate them as they celebrate the seventieth anniversary of providing personalized customer service in the sale of quality jewelry.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Nancy Barringer Williams and Mr. Drew Foil.

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