**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 IN CHARLESTON COUNTY FROM A POINT 1.25 MILES EAST OF OLD JACKSONBORO ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 7 “CURTIS B. INABINETT, SR. HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, the Honorable Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr., was born on July 11, 1931, the oldest of nine children of Cornelious Benjamin and Eula Lee Inabinett. His father died when young Curtis was eleven years old, leaving him to help his mother with the younger children and tend the farm where they raised pigs, harvested cotton, planted corn, and performed sharecrop work in the community; and

Whereas, Mr. Inabinett attended Deep Creek Elementary School and Colleton High School, riding his bicycle some fifteen miles each way to school while doing odd jobs to help support his mother and siblings; and

Whereas, he has been married to the former Ethel M. Joy for more than sixty years, and together they are the proud parents of a son, Curtis, Jr.; and

Whereas, Mr. Inabinett earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from South Carolina State University in 1954, he served his country with distinction as a member of the United States Army, serving two years in the Korean War, and spent six years as an active reservist; and

Whereas, Mr. Inabinett distinguished himself in the field of public education as a teacher and a principal; and

Whereas, Mr. Inabinett also had a successful career as a public official, becoming the first African American appointed to the Charleston County Election Commission. He also served as mayor of the Town of Ravenel for eleven years, was a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives for ten years, and a member of the Charleston County Council for six years; and

Whereas, Mr. Inabinett has received numerous honors and awards, among them “Citizen of the Year” presented by Mu Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity of Charleston, and the Order of the Palmetto, the state’s highest civilian honor, from Governor Jim Hodges. He also is a life member of the NAACP. Now, therefore,

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

That the Department of Transportation name the portion of United States Highway 17 in Charleston County from a point 1.25 miles east of Old Jacksonboro Road to its intersection with South Carolina Highway 7 “Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of highway containing this designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Department of Transportation.

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