**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOHN W. OSTEEN OF AIKEN COUNTY FOR HIS LIFELONG DEDICATION TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORY OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the rich heritage with which John W. “J. W.” Osteen has endowed Aiken County in the allocation of historical replicas to the Sons of Confederate Veteran’s General Barnard E. Bee Camp #1575 in Aiken County; and

Whereas, J.W. Osteen is a son of South Carolina, having been born in Pinewood in Sumter County on September 17, 1927. As a reenactor, he has had many roles in life: a young farm boy, a textile printer, a professional catfish slayer, and finally a Confederate “General”; and

Whereas, he is a revered member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and his love of South Carolina shines brightly in his role as a renowned historian of the War Between the States; and

Whereas, the living history museum artifacts that J.W. Osteen has donated to the Sons of Confederate Veteran’s General Barnard E. Bee Camp #1575 include a log cabin and one‑room school house, a replica of the Sumter school house; and

Whereas, these buildings have been relocated from his Log Cabin Village in Couchton to the Battle of Aiken reenactment site where they will continue to serve as an educational tool for thousands of Aiken County school children, their parents, and other visitors and tourists; and

Whereas, on their previous site, these historical buildings were visited by thousands of school students and now will be forever available for visitors to view during the annual Battle of Aiken, allowing visitors to step back in time and experience pioneer life in South Carolina; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives deeply admire and appreciate “General” J. W. Osteen for his generosity and determination to preserve the history of the great State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor “General” John W. Osteen of Aiken County for his lifelong dedication to the preservation of the history of South Carolina for future generations.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to John W. Osteen.

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