**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE MICHAEL A. “MIKE” ANTHONY FOR HIS COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 42 IN LAURENS AND UNION COUNTIES AND TO WISH HIM FULFILLMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Whereas, for sixteen years, the Honorable Michael A. “Mike” Anthony has represented the citizens of House District 42 in Laurens and Union counties with faithfulness in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, a retired teacher and coach, Mike Anthony earned his bachelor’s degree at Gardner‑Webb University; and

Whereas, during his years in the House of Representatives, Mike Anthony has used his experience for the benefit of his constituents and other citizens of our State as a member of the Rules Committee and Ways and Means Committee. In relation to his work at the State House, he is also a former member of the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee; and

Whereas, Representative Anthony firmly believes in active participation in the community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community in various ways. These include service as a member of the South Carolina Coaches Association (director), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Union, Gaffney) Board of Directors, and Rotary International; and

Whereas, in recognition of his spirit of excellence and dedicated service to the people of South Carolina, Mike Anthony was named 2003 South Carolina Education Association Legislator of the Year and 2004 Champion of Public Education; and

Whereas, he finds strength for his labors in the strong support of his lovely wife, the former Kathy Dale Owens. The Anthonys are the proud parents of three children, Trey, Brett, and Will; and

Whereas, during Mike’s well‑earned retirement, the House trusts he will find himself more frequently able to indulge in spending more time with his wife and family, a top priority for this Union native. Dale’s retirement in June after thirty‑eight years of teaching will make this enjoyable goal easier to attain; and

Whereas, on the occasion of his departure from the House of Representatives, his House colleagues, grateful for Mike Anthony’s committed service to this body and the people of District 42, extend warmest best wishes for much contentment and satisfaction in this new phase of his life. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Michael A. “Mike” Anthony for his committed service to the South Carolina House of Representatives and the citizens of District 42 in Laurens and Union counties and wish him fulfillment and success in all his future endeavors upon his retirement from the House of Representatives.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Michael A. “Mike” Anthony.

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