**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND LAUD JOHNNY MORANT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL AFTER TWENTY‑FIVE YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF GEORGETOWN AND TO WISH HIM RELAXATION IN HIS MUCH‑DESERVED RETIREMENT.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina find it fitting to pause in their deliberations to honor Johnny Morant on the occasion of his retirement from the Georgetown County Council after a quarter of a century dedicated to bettering the lives of the citizens of Georgetown; and

Whereas, Johnny Morant, a member of the Georgetown County Council since 1993 and chairman since 2008, has determined that the time has come for him to step down from this role; and

Whereas, while a member of the county council, Mr. Morant has worked to create sewer projects in the Browns Ferry, Choppee, Annie Village, and Plantersville communities, making a difference in these rural areas. The council also was able to create regional parks in Georgetown, Choppee, and on the Waccamaw Neck, in addition to making enhancements to the Howard Auditorium and Recreation Center; and

Whereas, he is described by fellow council member Austin Beard as “a very positive influence” on the council with “vast knowledge of the county, its issues, and its people.” He also describes Mr. Morant as having a calming effect. County Administrator Sel Hemingway agrees with this assessment stating as an example his ability to calm a potentially caustic situation, “if issues have been divisive, Johnny has the ability to serve as a mediator and to bring about compromise among council members.” His presence on the council will be greatly missed. 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 laud Johnny Morant on the occasion of his retirement from the Georgetown County Council after twenty‑five years of committed service to the citizens of Georgetown and wish him relaxation in his much‑deserved retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Johnny Morant.

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