**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MAYOR LARK JONES UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS MAYOR OF NORTH AUGUSTA, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Mayor Lark Jones, upon the occasion of his retirement in May of 2017, for his many accomplishments in service to the City of North Augusta and the State; and

Whereas, Mayor Lark Jones was first elected to the North Augusta City Council on November 5, 1985 and served continuously until May of 1997. He received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting every year he was on the council; and

Whereas, on April 29, 1997, he was elected as mayor and served continuously until May of 2017. Under his leadership, the city never had a millage increase, even while the city increased the budget and approved over $60 million in capital construction projects, which included a municipal building, Riverview Park, a water treatment plant, and a fire station. Mayor Jones was also part of the vision behind Hammond’s Ferry Soccer Complex; and

Whereas, a strong, visionary leader, Mayor Jones never failed to recognize the city’s employees for their accomplishments, and he constantly delighted them with his quick one-liners; and

Whereas, in his spare time, Mayor Jones enjoys watching North Augusta High School baseball games, checking out the activities at the Riverview Park Activities Center, and cheering on his South Carolina Gamecocks; and

Whereas, Mayor Jones started the North Augusta Mayor’s Prayer Luncheon, which included several notable speakers over the years and brought together the city for a good cause; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the enduring commitment that Mayor Lark Jones has shown in serving the City of North Augusta, the State, and the people of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Mayor Lark Jones upon the occasion of his retirement as mayor of North Augusta, commend him for his thirty-two years of distinguished public service to the City of North Augusta and the State of South Carolina, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mayor Lark Jones.

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