**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE BOBBY JOLLEY FOR HIS FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE AND ACTIVISM IN FLORENCE COUNTY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Bobby Jolley for his outstanding public service to his community in Florence County and to the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Bobby Jolley moved to Florence, South Carolina from

Jackson, Mississippi on Augusta 24, 1974, when South Carolina was in a period of intense social change, with integration at the forefront of many issues; and

Whereas, upon first arriving in Florence, Mr. Jolley joined activists from across South Carolina to organize, march, and protest for the rights of poor and underserved communities. In his early years in Florence, he also volunteered with the NAACP and worked to elect officials who would advocate for their community, regardless of party lines. His goal was to help people who could not help themselves; and

Whereas, Mr. Jolley started his career in Florence working in community outreach for the American Friends Service Committee. From there, he went on to work at the Florence County Office of Economic Opportunity and the Pee Dee Community Action Partnership, where he still works today as a provider of services to youth and adults in the region; and

Whereas, throughout his fifty years in Florence, Mr. Jolley has always been an activist who stands for what is right and fair for others. His work is never about personal gain but instead about the betterment of the community, and he is outspoken on issues of fair housing, low‑income housing, voter rights, civil rights, and human rights. He is an advocate for minors who have been suspended, expelled, or arrested, and many nights, he goes to the jail to stand with minors. A community leader, he has also organized actions in the pursuit of justice, namely following the shooting of a child by an Oakland Avenue market owner; and

Whereas, Mr. Jolley’s accomplishments are innumerable and range across the board. He not only started the first Martin Luther King Day March in Florence, but also established the Florence Transitional Shelter and has served on the board of the Florence Airport; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the outstanding passion and commitment that Bobby Jolley has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Bobby Jolley for his fifty years of service and activism in Florence County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bobby Jolley.

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