**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE OF MR. JOE FRANK PINSON OF ANDERSON COUNTY.

Whereas, it is with distinct pleasure that the House of Representatives recognizes individuals who are dedicated to giving their time and energy to community service; and

Whereas, Mr. Joe Frank Pinson of Anderson County, an exemplary volunteer worker for many years in his community, has contributed untold hours of valuable service to his hometown and county and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, known as a dedicated family man and astute businessman, Joe Pinson has been a Honea Path resident all his life. His neighbors recognize Joe as a fountainhead of local history and lore, and his generosity and direction in many projects to improve his community and the surrounding area have earned their respect; and

Whereas, Mr. Pinson was a charter member of the Anderson County Fire Commission. He helped oversee the development of a countywide fire protection system recognized as one of the best volunteer fire departments in the United States. Beginning in 1962 with one station, the system has grown to twenty‑seven fire departments fully staffed by volunteers. His leadership was instrumental in making this fire system a reality; and

Whereas, at the time of his retirement in 2008, Joe Pinson was the longest‑serving board member of the Belton‑Honea Path Water Authority. After his appointment in 1975 as a water commissioner, he labored with his colleagues to help bring clean, affordable drinking water to rural southeastern Anderson County. This foresight has led to development and improved quality of life for residents of this district; and

Whereas, for almost half a century, Joe Pinson has been a board member of the Anderson County Farm Bureau, at one time serving as its president. His experience as a cattle farmer has been instrumental in helping the farming community in Anderson County; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives recognizes that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend in great measure upon the dedication of individuals who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their appreciation for the outstanding community service of Mr. Joe Frank Pinson of Anderson County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Pinson.

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