**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE CHARLIE BRINDEL, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF COASTAL CAROLINAS ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO WISH HIM A HAPPY EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF COMMITTED VOLUNTEER SERVICE, AND TO DECLARE MAY 8, 2009, CHARLIE BRINDEL DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, for thirty‑two years, the Coastal Carolinas Association of REALTORS has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and friendship of Charlie Brindel, an executive vice president of the company since 1977; and

Whereas, when he joined the Coastal Carolinas Association of REALTORS, Mr. Brindel brought with him thirty‑two years of valuable experience with the United States Army, from which he retired as a colonel at the age of forty‑eight; and

Whereas, presently one of the oldest serving association executives in the National Association of REALTORS, he is planning a well‑deserved retirement from the Coastal Carolinas Association of REALTORS, to commence May 8, 2009; and

Whereas, during his years with the Coastal Carolinas Association of REALTORS, he has not restricted his activities to the office but has enlarged them to include active volunteer work in the community with such organizations as Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, the Humane Society, American Cancer Society, and Habitat For Humanity; and

Whereas, his unselfish commitment leads him to perform diverse tasks for these and other organizations, undertakings that include service as a licensed auctioneer, in which capacity he raises thousands of dollars free of charge for twelve charities each year; and

Whereas, in particular, Habitat for Humanity is near and dear to Mr. Brindel’s heart. Growing up in a tent beside a railroad track, he learned early in life what a home could mean to someone. Almost single‑handedly, he built a house for the organization in 1997, and he has continued his active involvement since that time; and

Whereas, his many and varied charitable activities have earned him numerous awards, including recognition by the Horry Georgetown Homebuilders Association for his exceptional fundraising work benefiting the Humane Society; and

Whereas, in addition to marking his retirement from the Coastal Carolinas Association of REALTORS on May 8, Mr. Brindel will celebrate his eightieth birthday. The House of Representatives most heartily wishes him the happiest of birthdays and most satisfying of retirement ceremonies on this doubly blessed day; and

Whereas, having made his mark and set the bar of achievement extraordinarily high in his profession, Charlie Brindel will be remembered with affection and gratitude by colleagues and legislative friends for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Charlie Brindel, executive vice president of Coastal Carolinas Association of REALTORS, upon the occasion of his retirement, wish him a happy eightieth birthday, commend him for his many years of committed volunteer service, and declare May 8, 2009, Charlie Brindel Day in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Charlie Brindel.

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