**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR RALEIGH R. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP, COLLETON COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this state’s citizenry; and

Whereas, Raleigh R. Williams, retiring president of the NAACP, Colleton County, stands among their number as an outstanding civic leader, as well as a respected businessman and minister; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, the young Raleigh completed his early education at Burke Industrial High School in Charleston and began work as a bricklayer and later a warehouseman; and

Whereas, answering the call of his country, he served from 1952 to 1972 as an enlisted airman in the United States Air Force, working in various capacities, including medical supply officer and management engineer; and

Whereas, during his time in the military, he attended night school and completed a B.G.E. degree from the University of Omaha in Nebraska, with a double major in business administration and economics. Graduate work followed at the University of Colorado and the University of Puget Sound in Washington State; and

Whereas, during a successful business career, Raleigh Williams served as a certified public accountant, general contractor, real estate broker, and minister, narrowing his focus in 1988 to general contractor where his company specialized in residential and commercial building projects and highway construction; and

Whereas, a strong believer in active involvement with one’s community, he twice has provided long‑term leadership as president of the Colleton County branch of the NAACP, beginning in 1973, as well as serving in numerous other civic organizations; and

Whereas, after many years of selfless service, he has stepped down from his position as president of the Colleton County NAACP and is also retiring from his businesses, R.W. Construction and R.W. Realty; and

Whereas, having made his mark and set the bar of achievement extraordinarily high in all his endeavors, Raleigh R. Williams 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, honor Raleigh R. Williams, president of the NAACP, Colleton County, upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his many years of dedicated service, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Raleigh R. Williams.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑