**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MR. EVAN THOMPSON FOR HIS DEDICATED WORK AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HISTORIC BEAUFORT FOUNDATION, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HIS NEW POSITION AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF CHARLESTON.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the devoted and enthusiastic service that Evan Thompson has given as the Executive Director of the Historic Beaufort Foundation since 2004; and

Whereas, after he earned a law degree from the University of Texas School of Law, he first came to the Lowcountry of South Carolina in 2003 to serve as an intern with the Preservation Society of Charleston, the country’s oldest community‑based historic preservation organization; and

Whereas, since 2004, Evan Thompson’s preservation accomplishments with the Historic Beaufort Foundation have included restoration of a circa 1880s freedman cottage, the restoration of the Smalls‑Nash Cottage, and the preservation of the Beaufort Volunteer Artillery flag; and

Whereas, in 2009, he organized and wrote one hundred recommendations compiled by the Northwest Quadrant Study Group to promote the district’s revitalization, including the recommendation for clean‑up days in the neighborhood which the city, the foundation, and the neighborhood association enacted; and

Whereas, for the last five years, he has brought to Beaufort graduate students in the field of historic preservation from both the College of William and Mary and the Savannah College of Art and Design to create measured drawings of antebellum structures, historic storefronts, farm buildings, and African‑American churches for the historical record; and

Whereas, Mr. Thompson is credited with the discovery of Beaufort’s only‑known surviving antebellum office, the Edmund Rhett Law Office, owned by one of the fathers of the Secession Movement; and

Whereas, having worked tirelessly to protect Beaufort’s historic district and to provide research on the city’s architecture to the community, he will continue to safeguard historic monuments with the Preservation Society of Charleston, where he will take the post of executive director in June 2010; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the contributions that Evan Thompson had made to the Historic Beaufort Foundation and wish him continued success as he continues his work for historic preservation in South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Mr. Evan Thompson for his dedicated work as the executive director of the Historic Beaufort Foundation and wish him continued success in his new position as the Executive Director of the Preservation Society of Charleston.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Evan Thompson.

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