**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE EDWARD HOLLAND “TED” PITTS, JR., OF LEXINGTON COUNTY FOR HIS MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ACKNOWLEDGE HIS PERSONAL SACRIFICE IN SERVING HIS STATE AND COUNTRY AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, AND WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that Edward Holland “Ted” Pitts, Jr., will retire from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, the son of Edward H. Pitts, Sr., and the late Anne Digby Pitts, he graduated from Presbyterian College in 1994 where he lettered in football; and

Whereas, having grown up a member of the well‑known and greatly respected Pitts family of Lexington, after being heavily involved in the community all his life, Ted ran for the House in 2003 and served his constituents to the very best of his considerable ability; and

Whereas, hard‑working and kind, he is known for his independence, fiscal conservatism, and his passion for protecting the innocent. His sponsorship and perseverance led to the passage of ground‑breaking child abuse and child exploitation laws known as “Jessica’s Law” in South Carolina; and

Whereas, in 2004, he married his lovely wife Christina Reyes and together they are the proud parents of two beautiful children, Edward H. Pitts III and Sara Anne Pitts; and

Whereas, Ted not only serves his State and country but above all his God, a member of Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church, he and Christina are active members of the CSI Sunday School Class; and

Whereas, a Certified Commercial Investment Member, Representative Pitts is a commercial real estate broker and a member of the South Carolina State Certified Commercial Investment Board; and

Whereas, he is a graduate of Leadership Lexington County and the Lexington County Sheriff’s Citizens Academy, and he serves his State and country with the South Carolina Army National Guard; and

Whereas, Representative Pitts also serves on the Lexington County Chamber of Commerce, and he is a member of the Rotary Club of Lexington; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives will miss the dedicated service that Ted Pitts, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives over his tenure here and wish him Godspeed in returning from his service to his country to his beloved family and many friends. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable Edward Holland “Ted” Pitts, Jr., of Lexington County for his meritorious service in the House of Representatives on behalf of the citizens of South Carolina, acknowledge his personal sacrifice in serving his State and country as a member of the South Carolina Army National Guard, and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Edward Holland Pitts, Jr.

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