**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE JAMES E. “JIM” STEWART, JR., OF AIKEN COUNTY FOR EIGHT YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL OF HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the Honorable James E. “Jim” Stewart, Jr., of Aiken County has served the people of his House district and the citizens of South Carolina well during the past eight years and the members of the House of Representatives are grateful for his dedicated service and leadership; and

Whereas, born in Greenville in 1951, Jim Stewart is the son of Ruth and James Stewart, and he graduated from Aiken High School and attended Clemson University. In 2010, he was honored with “Super Tiger Award for Aiken County” for his commitment to Clemson University and the Aiken County Chapter of IPTAY; and

Whereas, in 1975, he married his beloved wife, Sharon Leigh Dunn Stewart, and together they raised three wonderful children, Joshua, Whitten, and Nathan; and

Whereas, actively involved in his community, he served as the president of the Aiken Jaycees from 1985 to 1986 and as vice president of the Small Business Developers of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce in 1995; and

Whereas, he serves on the board of directors of the Aiken Electric Cooperative and the advisory board of Wachovia, and he is a member of Aiken American Business Club “Ambucs”; and

Whereas, he is a devout member of St. John’s United Methodist Church where he served as chairman of the board of trustees from 2001 to 2003; and

Whereas, a commercial general contractor, he was presented with the Small Business Person of the Year Award in 1998 by the Aiken Chamber of Commerce, and he has provided the same award‑winning business acumen to the great benefit of the people of this State since 2003 in his service in the General Assembly; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives will miss their faithful friend and colleague, Jim Stewart, and thank him for his leadership in the House of Representatives. 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 commend the Honorable James E. “Jim” Stewart, Jr., of Aiken County for eight years of dedicated service in the General Assembly on behalf of the citizens of South Carolina, and wish him much success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable James E. “Jim” Stewart, Jr.

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