**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND REMEMBER THE LATE ELLIOTT ERNEST FRANKS III OF COLUMBIA, FORMER PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA JOB‑ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNVEILING OF THE SIGN ANNOUNCING THE INTERCHANGE ON HIGHWAY 277 AT SUNSET BOULEVARD AND BELTLINE BOULEVARD IN COLUMBIA AS BEING NAMED IN HIS HONOR.

Whereas, a native of Sumter, Elliott Franks claimed Columbia as home for forty years. He received his bachelor’s degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta and completed the Management Institute at the University of South Carolina’s Darla Moore School of Business; and

Whereas, among numerous responsible positions in both the private sector and government, he served as Executive Director for WOIC Radio, the first black‑owned radio station in South Carolina, and as President and Chief Executive Officer of the South Carolina Job‑Economic Development Authority, a position he filled with distinction under five governors of South Carolina; and

Whereas, believing in active involvement in his community, Mr. Franks, a committed family man, was a dedicated member of Brookland Baptist Church. His extensive service on the boards of various community organizations, as well as his governmental service, earned him induction into the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame in 2001; and

Whereas, it is entirely appropriate that such a distinguished son of South Carolina should be recognized in a special way. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and remember the late Elliott Ernest Franks III of Columbia, former President and Chief Executive Officer of the South Carolina Job‑Economic Development Authority, on the occasion of the unveiling of the sign announcing the interchange on Highway 277 at Sunset Boulevard and Beltline Boulevard in Columbia as being named in his honor.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Elliott Ernest Franks III.

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