**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. DALE A. HAMPTON UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FORT HILL NATURAL GAS AUTHORITY AND TO WISH HIM ALL THE BEST IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, Mr. Dale A. Hampton of Seneca, South Carolina will be retiring on March 31, 2012, from the Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority; and

Whereas, a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, he was educated in the Easley, South Carolina public school system; and

Whereas, he received his B.S. in Administrative Management from Clemson University and he is a Navy veteran; and

Whereas, employed with Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority for thirty-five years, he became the Chief Executive Officer in 1992; and

Whereas, Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority provides natural gas service, whenever feasible, to the residences, commercial businesses, and industries within the northwestern most counties of upstate South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Hampton is a past member of Southeastern Gas Association Board of Directors and President’s Council and a past member of Southern Gas Association Executive Council; and

Whereas, he served as Gas Industries’ Outstanding Manager of the Year in 1992; and

Whereas, he is a proud Gold Star Father, the father of a soldier who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. He and his wife Ann lost their daughter, Captain Kimberly N. Hampton, when she was killed in Iraq on January 2, 2004; and

Whereas, it is fitting for the members of the Senate to pause in their deliberations to honor this distinguished South Carolinian on the occasion of his retirement and wish him happiness and good health in all the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Mr. Dale A. Hampton upon his retirement from the Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Dale Hampton.

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