**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE PHILLIP W. SHOOPMAN FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF SENATE DISTRICT 5 AND TO WISH HIM HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, since 2009, the Honorable Phillip W. Shoopman has with resolution and acumen represented the citizens of District 5 in Greenville County in the Senate of this great State; and

Whereas, Senator Shoopman graduated from Purdue University with a B.S.M.E. degree in 1992 and a M.S.E. degree in 1994 in preparation for a career in engineering; and

Whereas, he furthered his studies at the University of South Carolina with a M.B.A. degree in International Business in 2011; and

Whereas, Senator Shoopman most recently has served with distinction on five Senate standing committees: Corrections and Penology, General, Judiciary, Medical Affairs, and Rules, and he currently serves on the Review and Oversight Committee for the State Ports Authority; and

Whereas, he began his service in the House of Representatives in 2007, where he was Majority Whip in 2007, before his election to the South Carolina Senate; and

Whereas, Phil Shoopman’s first impression of the South Carolina General Assembly was formed during drives from Greer to Columbia and back with the late Senator J. Verne Smith as his passenger; and

Whereas, Senator Shoopman and Senator‑turned‑Congressman Mick Mulvaney were often referred to as the “Nit Pick Caucus” due to their thorough study of the issues and their lack of timidity in asking questions; and

Whereas, Phil Shoopman will be remembered for his stylish bow ties and the quick strides he would make around the Senate Chamber; and

Whereas, Senator Shoopman has further served his community including service as a member of the Greenville Symphony Advisory Council (2009); Peace Center’s Board of Trustees (2009); Fellow Liberty Fellowship Class of 2009; Friend of the Taxpayer (2007); Chairman, Greer Community Ministries (2006‑07); Vice Chairman, Greer Chamber of Commerce (2006); Member, State Board of Education (2004‑06); Delegate, Republican National Convention (2004); Chairman, Regional Air Quality Steering Committee (2001-03); and Chairman, Greenville County Planning Commission (2001‑03); and

Whereas, he and his wife Dawn are the proud parents of two children, Clara and August, and attend Washington Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Senator Shoopman’s senatorial colleagues wish to express their gratitude for his dedicated service to the people of District 5, as well as their sincere wishes for enjoyable challenges in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Phillip W. Shoopman for his distinguished service on behalf of the citizens of Senate District 5 and wish for him happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Phillip W. Shoopman.

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