**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND DR. BRUCE ESTES RIPPETEAU FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the twenty‑five years of service that Bruce Estes Rippeteau has given to educational research in South Carolina; and

Whereas, having grown up in Watertown, New York, he studied archaeology at the University of Nebraska where he met his beloved wife, Sandra, and earned a bachelor’s degree; and

Whereas, in 1970, Bruce Rippeteau earned a master’s degree from the University of Arizona, and later earned a doctorate in 1973 from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio; and

Whereas, he began his teaching career as an associate professor in the archaeology department at the State University of New York at Oneida and moved his family to Columbia in 1984 to serve as the director of the University of South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology; and

Whereas, a tenured research professor at the University of South Carolina from 1984 to 2004, Dr. Rippeteau served as director of the institute until 2002 and as state archaeologist from 1984 to 2000; and

Whereas, he served from 1986 to 1992 with the USS Monitor Archaeological Documentation Committee, and from 1995 to 2003, he served on the raising and conservation project of the H. L. Hunley Historic Confederate Submarine; and

Whereas, representing the State of South Carolina, he served as a member of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Sanctuaries, and USS Monitor Committee from 1986 to 1992; and

Whereas, Dr. Rippeteau was appointed a member and elected chairman of the South Carolina Heritage Trust, for which he provided a decade of service; and

Whereas, in 1997, he co‑founded the Celebrate Freedom Foundation, serving as its president from 1998 to 2008, and is now president emeritus; and

Whereas, his contributions to the early understanding, application, and use of radiocarbon dating led to his election as a national fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; and

Whereas, from 2000 to 2003, Dr. Rippeteau served as vice chairman of the Columbia, SC, Jim Hamilton‑L.B. Owens Airport during construction of the airport’s new terminal; and

Whereas, he served as the president of the Rotary Club of Columbia, the twentieth largest of thirty‑one thousand Rotary Clubs worldwide, and was awarded the International Presidential Citation; and

Whereas, an elected national fellow of the Explorers Club, he brought his passion for exploration to the State of South Carolina through service to the Greater Piedmont Chapter of the historic Explorers Club in a host of roles, including chapter chair; and

Whereas, after a long and distinguished career in the Palmetto State, Dr. Rippeteau now resides in Nebraska, to the delight of his grandchildren, and continues to collaborate with and support numerous projects here in South Carolina; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the significant role that Dr. Bruce Estes Rippeteau has played in the educational, preservation, and public sectors of our great State. 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 Dr. Bruce Estes Rippeteau for his professional contributions, accomplishments, and community service in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Bruce Estes Rippeteau.

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