**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND MARC ORLANDO, DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF GROWTH MANAGEMENT FOR THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN PROTECTING THE TOWN’S HISTORY, CULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND SENSE OF COMMUNITY DURING ITS RECENT YEARS OF EXPANSION.

Whereas, at the genesis of the recent new millennium, the Town of Bluffton consisted of one square mile situated on the high bluffs overlooking the May River in Beaufort County. The year 2000 brought a substantive change to this charming Lowcountry town: It voted to annex neighboring land that enlarged its area to fifty‑four square miles; and

Whereas, when a small municipality expands, wonderful benefits may accrue to its citizens, but unless proper measures are taken, there is a danger that its historic sites, cultural activities, natural resources, and sense of community may suffer irreparable loss; and

Whereas, largely due to the visionary leadership of Marc Orlando, Bluffton deputy town manager and director of growth management, such loss has been averted, and the town’s delicate balance of nature, history, authentic culture, and recreation, as well as its sense of community, has been preserved during its contemporary years of expansion; and

Whereas, in short, Mr. Orlando has always kept in mind the key challenge in creating the community’s 21st Century Community Vision Framework: retaining Bluffton’s place‑based historic character while recognizing and continuing to allow sustainable new development; and

Whereas, grateful for his vision, the House of Representatives salutes Marc Orlando for his work in preserving the best of the past while opening the door to the future for the Town of Bluffton. 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 Marc Orlando, deputy town manager and director of growth management for the Town of Bluffton, for his leadership in protecting the town’s history, culture, natural resources, and sense of community during its recent years of expansion.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Marc Orlando.

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