**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND VICTOR MENDEZ, ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, FOR HIS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN THE “2012 TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT: THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND INNOVATION” ON MARCH 25, 2012, AT BENEDICT COLLEGE IN COLUMBIA, AND TO INSPIRE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION LEADERS TO CREATE AND EMBRACE LIKE‑MINDED EFFORTS CONCERNING LEGISLATION THAT SUPPORTS THE IDENTIFICATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF INNOVATION AIMED AT SHORTENING TRANSPORTATION‑PROJECT DELIVERY, ENHANCING THE SAFETY OF OUR ROADWAYS, AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT.

Whereas, under the leadership of Victor Mendez, Every Day Counts (EDC) has provided national leadership to the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) effort to meet the transportation demands of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, EDC is designed to identify and deploy innovation aimed at shortening project delivery, enhancing the safety of our roadways, and protecting the environment; and

Whereas, EDC is designed to focus on a finite set of initiatives, and teams from the Federal Highway Administration will work with our state, local, and industry partners to deploy the initiatives and will develop performance measures to gauge their success; and

Whereas, President Barack Obama has discussed an America built to last, and the budget he recently proposed will fund critical transportation improvements while creating jobs; and

Whereas, United States Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood has set the bar high at the United States Department of Transportation because he not only expects innovative thinking, but he also understands that the times demand it; and

Whereas, developing transportation systems in ways that strengthen businesses and communities is essential to our economic competitiveness; and

Whereas, safe and reliable roads and sidewalks are key to supporting commerce and the people who live in a community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend Victor Mendez, Administrator for the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, for his national leadership and participation in the “2012 Transportation Summit: The Importance of Transportation Safety and Innovation” on March 25, 2012, at Benedict College in Columbia, and inspire South Carolina transportation leaders to create and embrace like‑minded efforts concerning legislation that supports the identification and deployment of innovation aimed at shortening transportation‑project delivery, enhancing the safety of our roadways, and protecting the environment

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Victor Mendez.

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