**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXTEND WARMEST GREETINGS TO MR. PETER H. HUIZENGA OF OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SEVENTY‑THIRD BIRTHDAY, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM MANY YEARS OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS TO COME.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that an honored friend of this great State, Mr. Peter H. Huizenga, celebrated his seventy‑third birthday on March 14, 2012; and

Whereas, throughout his seventy‑three years, Peter H. Huizenga, founder and chairman of Huizenga Capital Management, has achieved great success in business; and

Whereas, as one of the original founders of Waste Management, Inc., he helped guide that company from a fledgling garbage‑hauling concern to the largest environmental‑services company in the world; and

Whereas, in 1983, Peter began a long and meaningful relationship with the State of South Carolina through Waste Management, Inc.’s acquisition of Chem‑Nuclear Systems, Inc. in Barnwell County; and

Whereas, his contributions to Barnwell County through various charitable organizations are still positively impacting her citizens, and his support for the Salkahatchie Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is still remembered in Barnwell County by fellow avid outdoorsmen; and

Whereas, he was instrumental in developing a relationship with the late John C. West, former Governor of South Carolina and Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, as well as with former Governor and United States Secretary of Energy James B. Edwards, both relationships being of mutual benefit to the Palmetto State and his company; and

Whereas, since leaving Waste Management, Peter Huizenga has maintained his ties with South Carolina through friendships forged during the decades of the 1980s and 1990s. With close friends Jim Riley and Terry Gabinski, he continues to host an Allan Stalvey‑led group of South Carolinians during their annual “Cubs trip” to Peter’s home city of Chicago; and

Whereas, Peter considers it one of the greatest triumphs of his life that he was able to persuade his beloved Heidi to become his wife. They are the proud parents of four children, who have given their parents the joy of delightful grandchildren; and

Whereas, grateful for his longtime service to the Palmetto State, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in honoring Peter Huizenga at the celebration of his seventy‑third birthday and joins with his family and friends in congratulating him on reaching this important life milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives extend warmest greetings to Mr. Peter H. Huizenga of Oak Brook, Illinois, on the occasion of his seventy‑third birthday, thank him for his many years of service to the State of South Carolina, and wish him many years of health and happiness to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Peter H. Huizenga.

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