**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE JACK L. THOMPSON, SR., OF MYRTLE BEACH AS THE OFFICIAL CHRONICLER OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S GRAND STRAND AND TO DECLARE HIS BIRTHDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012, AS “JACK THOMPSON ‘REMEMBERING MYRTLE BEACH’ DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, in most towns in America, there resides at least one special person who has taken up the important task of recording town history; and

Whereas, for South Carolina’s Grand Strand, with Myrtle Beach at its hub, that chronicler is clearly Jack Thompson, photographer extraordinaire and Myrtle Beach icon; and

Whereas, considered the keeper of the Grand Strand’s photographic history, Jack Thompson began taking pictures of Myrtle Beach in 1951 when he was thirteen. A sample of his extensive pictorial collection is documented in his most recent book, *Memories of Myrtle Beach*; and

Whereas, Jack, who grew up in Greenville, graduated with honors from Myrtle Beach High School in 1954 and went on to found Myrtle Beach’s first news magazine, *Insight Into the Grand Strand*, followed by the area’s debut golf magazine, *Grand Strand Golfer*. Other books he has written and photographed include *Reflections in Time* and *Growing Up with Shoeless Joe*, co‑authored with his brother, Joe Thompson; and

Whereas, working from his downtown studio, Jack Thompson Studios in Myrtle Beach, Jack has created numerous exhibitions of his work, including *Photographic Reflections of Old Myrtle Beach*, held at Coastal Carolina University’s Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery. Jack also chaired the All Aboard Committee, credited with restoring the old Myrtle Beach Train Depot; and

Whereas, grateful for Jack Thompson’s years of photographic journalism and promotion of our fine beaches, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in honoring him as the official chronicler of South Carolina’s Grand Strand and in declaring his birthday as “Jack Thompson ‘Remembering Myrtle Beach’ Day” in South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize Jack L. Thompson, Sr., of Myrtle Beach as the official chronicler of South Carolina’s Grand Strand and declare his birthday, September 21, 2012, as “Jack Thompson ‘Remembering Myrtle Beach’ Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jack Thompson.

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