**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE JAMES A. “JIM” BATTLE OF MARION COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that James A. “Jim” Battle will retire from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, born in Mullins on October 14, 1942, the son of James and Blanche Battle, he earned a bachelor’s degree from The Citadel in 1964 and a master’s in business administration from the University of South Carolina in 1967; and

Whereas, in the patriotic tradition of a Palmetto son, he served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of first lieutenant; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife, Katherine Ayres Campbell, in 1966, and together they reared a fine daughter, Bess, and when away from his duties in the House of Representatives, he is a merchant and farmer in Nichols; and

Whereas, he has faithfully served his constituents and the citizens of District 57 in the House of Representatives since 1997, during which time he has served on the Ways and Means Committee and has earned a deserved reputation among all his colleagues for a warm and friendly demeanor combined with uncompromising honor and integrity; and

Whereas, committed to his profession and his community, he served as the president of the South Carolina Aquaculture Association from 1994 to 1997, as the chairman of the Marion County Hospital District from 1995 to 1996, on the Center for Marine and Wetland Studies at Coastal Carolina University, and on the advisory board for Francis Marion University Business School; and

Whereas, for his outstanding service, he was named the South Carolina Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Business in both 2002 and 2008 and the Legislator of the Year by Career and Technology Education Administrators’ Division of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators in 2008; and

Whereas, in his sixteen years of faithful service, Jim Battle has provided practical thinking and vigorous business acumen to this chamber; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the keen and insightful service that Jim Battle, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives, and hope that he will enjoy much happiness and deep fulfillment in the years to come. 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 the Honorable James A. “Jim” Battle of Marion County for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents and the citizens of South Carolina and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable James A. “Jim” Battle.

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