**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE LEWIS EUGENE “GENE” PINSON OF GREENWOOD COUNTY FOR HIS FAITHFUL 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 Lewis Eugene “Gene” Pinson will retire from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, born in 1949 in Greenwood to Thomas and Ruth Pinson, Gene Pinson graduated from The Citadel in 1972 and continues to support his alma mater through the Greater Greenwood Citadel Club and Citadel Alumni Association. He also completed graduate work at Liberty University and Clemson University; and

Whereas, in the patriotic tradition of a Palmetto son, he served in the United States Army from 1972 to 1973 as a second lieutenant, retired from the South Carolina National Guard at the rank of lieutenant colonel, and is a retired Greenwood Guardsmen; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife, Carol V. Metger, in 1974, and together they reared three fine children: Brian, Emily, and Neal; and when away from his duties in the House of Representatives, he serves as the community relations director of Morningside Assisted Living in Greenwood; and

Whereas, a member and deacon of South Main Street Baptist Church, he has served on Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Board since 2006, its vice chairman in 2008; a past Cub Scout Leader of Pack 910; and a master mason with Masonic Lodge No. 358; and

Whereas, he is a member of the Retired Officers’ Association; served as the Greenwood County Veterans’ Affairs officer from 1983 to 2002; is a member and past commander of the American Legion Post No. 20; and is a member and past chef de gare of Voiture Locale 435, also known as the 40 & 8; and

Whereas, dedicated to the needs of the larger community, he served with the Upper Savannah Council of Government and the GLEAMNS Human Resource Commission; and prior to serving in the House of Representatives, he served on the Greenwood County Council from 1976 to 1982 and on Greenwood School District No. 50 from 1986 to 1996; and

Whereas, since 2003, he has faithfully served District 13’s citizens in the House of Representatives, during which time he has served as Greenwood County Legislative Delegation vice chairman and on the Labor, Commerce and Industry and Rules committees; and

Whereas, for his vital work, he was named Outstanding Legislator by the South Carolina Association of Counties in 2003 and the Western Piedmont Education Consortium in 2007 and earned the Piedmont Technical College Gold Medallion Award in 2009; and

Whereas, a warm and gregarious campaigner, he has set the example for his peers as a Southern gentleman that has even included hugging constituents and kissing babies, and in all of his service, he has provided practical and thoughtful insight and passionate loyalty to the citizens of his district and our State; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the dedicated service that Gene Pinson, our friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives, and hope that he will enjoy 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 Lewis Eugene “Gene” Pinson of Greenwood County for his faithful service in the House of Representatives on behalf of the citizens of his district and the State 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 Lewis Eugene Pinson.

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