**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE STEVE PARKER OF SPARTANBURG 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 Honorable Steve Parker of Spartanburg County has served the people of House District Number 37 and the citizens of South Carolina well during the past four years, and the members of the House of Representatives are grateful for his dedicated service and leadership; and

Whereas, born in Mississippi in 1951, Steve Parker is the son of the late Luther and Gracie Schrimpshire Parker, and he earned a bachelor’s degree from Newberry College in 1973, a master of arts in teaching from Converse College in 1975, and a degree as an education specialist from the University of South Carolina in 1978; and

Whereas, in 1976, he married his beloved wife, Rita Kay Hammett, and together they reared two fine children, Christy and Kevin; and

Whereas, actively involved in his community, he was a charter member of the Boiling Springs Kiwanis Club, founder of Boiling Springs Helping Hands Club, and cofounder of the SOLVE (Save Our Local Voice in Education) Committee to Stop School District Consolidation; and

Whereas, a member of Boiling Springs First Baptist Church, he is the owner of Steve Parker Painting and Sealcoating; and

Whereas, before joining the House of Representatives, he served as a school board member for Spartanburg School District Two and as a Spartanburg County councilman; and

Whereas, during his tenure in the House, he served on the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee and as first vice chair of the Operations and Management Committee, providing practical and thoughtful insight to this chamber concerning the needs of business and education; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives will miss their faithful friend and colleague, Steve Parker, and thank him for his leadership in the House of Representatives. 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 HonorableSteve Parker of Spartanburg 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 HonorableSteve Parker.

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