**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GARY MATTHEWS, SYSTEMS INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER WITH LEGISLATIVE PRINTING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY‑EIGHT YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Gary Matthews for his significant contributions to the State of South Carolina and to this Chamber; and

Whereas, having grown up in Florence, Gary Matthews earned a bachelor’s degree from Francis Marion University; and

Whereas, he served as the Deputy Director of Legislative Information Systems (LIS) under Director Chuck McKinney, and when LIS merged with Legislative Printing and Information Technology Systems (LPITS), he served as Assistant Director and then as Systems Infrastructure and Development Manager; and

Whereas, among his many responsibilities, he has served as the technical genius behind the plans for the automation of the House Chamber and has been instrumental in implementing it, which included designing and developing the bill‑history database, automating the House Journal and Calendar preparation, integrating the vote‑board system into the House Journal, and maintaining and upgrading the electronic sound system in the Chamber; and

Whereas, when the State of South Carolina hosted off‑site conferences, including the Southern Legislative Conference, the National Speaker’s conferences, and the National Organization of Women Legislators conference, all held in Charleston, he and his staff designed the computer programs necessary for registration and installed the computer networks, printers, faxes, and copiers, so that the conferences were successful; and

Whereas, he and his beloved wife, Janet, live in Columbia in the home that he remodeled using his own attention to detail and skillful craftsmanship; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of dedicated and brilliant service that Gary Matthews has devoted to the technology systems that have so impacted our ability to complete the business of State and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. 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 honor Gary Matthews, Systems Infrastructure and Development Manager with Legislative Printing and Information Technology Services, upon the occasion of his retirement after twenty‑eight years of outstanding service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Gary Mathews.

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