**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DAN DENNIS, PRESIDENT OF DENNIS CORPORATION IN RICHLAND COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE 2011 SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR BY THE UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) will honor Dan Dennis, President, Dennis Corporation, as the 2011 South Carolina Small Business Person of the Year at a ceremony to be held on May 4, 2011; and

Whereas, Dennis Corporation, a full‑service engineering, surveying, and construction management firm founded in 2005, currently employs ninety professionals and has made a significant impact on the economy in the Palmetto State by providing jobs and services and by giving back to the community; and

Whereas, Dennis Corporation’s specific fields of expertise include water, sewer, roads, bridges, buildings, airports, and other infrastructure; and

Whereas, with a serious commitment to its community, Dennis Corporation has contributed over a quarter of a million dollars to eighty charities to date; and

Whereas, created in 1953, the United States Small Business Administration seeks to aid, counsel, assist, and protect small businesses; preserve free, competitive enter­prise; and maintain and strengthen the nation’s economy. Annually the SBA presents the Small Business Person of the year award to an individual in each state; and

Whereas, the SBA selected Dan Dennis for this award because of his leadership in Dennis Corporation, a firm which has exhibited staying power, growth in number of employees, increase in sales, financial performance, innovativeness of services, response to adversity, and contributions to the community; and

Whereas, Mr. Dennis’ selection as the SBA’s South Carolina Small Business Person of the Year will allow him to compete in the nation’s capital for the National Small Business Person of the Year later in May; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly celebrate the success and recognition of Dan Dennis and wish him continued success as one of our state’s leading small business entrepreneurs. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dan Dennis, president of Dennis Corporation in Richland County, and congratulate him upon being named the 2011 South Carolina Small Business Person of the Year by the United States Small Business Administration.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dan Dennis.

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