**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COUNCILMAN FRANKLIN R. SMALLS UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE WALTERBORO CITY COUNCIL AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Councilman Franklin R. Smalls will begin a well‑earned retirement on July 12, 2011, after more than two decades of service on the Walterboro City Council and that he will be honored for his service by family and friends at a reception at the end of June; and

Whereas, a Walterboro resident for forty years, he graduated from Colleton Training High School and earned a bachelor’s degree from South Carolina State College and a master’s degree in Greensboro, North Carolina, from A & T State University; and

Whereas, this retired coach and principal with the Colleton County School District was honored as Distinguished Teacher of the Year, Region 7 Class AAAA Basketball Coach of the Year in 1975, Outstanding Principal, and Kappa Alpha Psi Man of the Year and was named to *Who’s Who Among Personalities of the South*; and

Whereas, currently serving as mayor pro tempore for the City of Walterboro, he began his service on the Walterboro City Council in June 1989 to make a difference in the City of Walterboro and to work to improve the quality of life for all its citizens; and

Whereas, he has served on the Budget Committee, the Airport and Finance Committee, and the North Lemacks Street Revitalization Committee and has acted as the council’s unofficial prayer leader, ending his prayers with these familiar words: “Let the council make the best decisions for the citizens of the City of Walterboro, and in the end let all the council members be of one accord”; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Wesley Grove United Methodist Church, he serves as a sought‑after lay leader and lay speaker; and

Whereas, he and his devoted wife, the former Lula Stephens, have reared three fine children: twin sons, Gregory and David, and one daughter, Sonta Reed, who have blessed their parents with three loving grandchildren; and

Whereas, his other community involvement includes twelve years as a member of the Colleton County Recreation Commission, for which he is also past chairman, as well as service as past chairman of the Colleton County Grievance Committee, South Carolina Middle School Association, and Tuskegee Airmen Chapter. In addition, he is a thirty‑third degree Master Mason with Sunlight Lodge #221; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to express their gratitude to Councilman Franklin R. Smalls for his service to the City of Walterboro and particularly for his dedication to the Walterboro City Council over the past twenty‑two years. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Councilman Franklin R. Smalls upon the occasion of his retirement from the Walterboro City Council and commend him for his many years of faithful and dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Walterboro.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Councilman Franklin R. Smalls.

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