**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATOR LUKE ALLSBROOK RANKIN AND HIS BRIDE, LINDSEY GIBSON BONDS, ON THEIR RECENT WEDDING CEREMONY OF MAY 28, 2011, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES TO THE COUPLE FOR A JOYFUL MARRIED LIFE TOGETHER.

Whereas, the Senate was pleased to learn that South Carolina Senator Luke Allsbrook Rankin and Lindsey Gibson Bonds were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at DeBordieu Colony in Georgetown; and

Whereas, the son of the Honorable and Mrs. Ogden Allsbrook Rankin of Conway, Luke Rankin is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina School of Law. He is an attorney at Rankin & Rankin in Conway and serves in the South Carolina State Senate; and

Whereas, Lindsey Bonds, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Calbert Bonds of Winnsboro, also graduated from the University of South Carolina (almost two decades later than the groom) and was formerly employed with Fred Allen & Associates in Columbia. She considers her departure from Fred Allen an early retirement from lobbying; and

Whereas, known for his ready wit and fashionable attire that never matches, Luke Rankin first viewed his intended from the floor of the South Carolina Senate. When he caught sight of her up in the gallery, he sped upstairs to introduce himself, and the rest, as Romeo and Juliet might say, is history; and

Whereas, the Senate, with all due respect, would like to take this opportunity to express the hope that, now that he is a happily married man, the good Senator will no longer use the “free Wednesday lunches” served in Columbia to feed his kids on Thursday evenings; and

Whereas, furthermore, with the influence of a mature and beautiful lady at his side, it is to be hoped that he will lighten up on the outrageous questions he has been known to ask waiters and waitresses throughout fine (and not‑so‑fine) restaurants in South Carolina; and

Whereas, at the Honorable Linda Short’s insistence, the Senate also begs the bride’s indulgence in listening to the former Senator Short say, “I told you so,” to the half of the Senate that disbelieved her when she asserted that “something was up” between the bride and groom long before they became bride and groom; and

Whereas, because no success authenticates a life as does a marriage that endures the test of time and grows stronger with each passing year, the Senate takes great pleasure in wishing Senator and Mrs. Rankin a contented, blessed journey through life together as a married couple. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate South Carolina Senator Luke Allsbrook Rankin and his bride, Lindsey Gibson Bonds, on their recent wedding ceremony of May 28, 2011, and extend best wishes to the couple for a joyful married life together.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Senator and Mrs. Rankin.

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