**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE IN CHEROKEE COUNTY THAT CROSSES THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY TRACKS ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 29 THE “EDNA H. HAMRICK MEMORIAL BRIDGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS BRIDGE THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “EDNA H. HAMRICK MEMORIAL BRIDGE”.

Whereas, from humble beginnings in a small neighborhood grocery store, Edna and Oliver Hamrick raised seven children, taught them the importance of working together in harmony, and instilled in them a relentless drive to offer their customers low prices on quality name brand clothing and piece goods; and

Whereas, today, the Hamrick children own and operate twenty-one large retail stores and a national wholesale company that employs twelve hundred people; and

Whereas, as the Hamrick business grew, Mrs. Hamrick never failed to use her family’s financial success to help others who were less fortunate. Mrs. Hamrick gave from the heart and never wanted or expected recognition as she helped others and supported various public causes; and

Whereas, after her husband died in 1983, Mrs. Hamrick chose to keep her small store on Cherokee Avenue in East Gaffney and sold samples and close-out clothing and shoes; and

Whereas, upon her death in 2007, she had worked at her store in East Gaffney for sixty-six years, six days a week, and rarely missed a day at work; and

Whereas, from these humble beginnings to establishing fabric printing and finishing operations, manufacturing operations, wholesaling operations, and major retail stores in six states, Mrs. Edna H. Hamrick was a major player and integral part in all development and growth of Hamrick’s; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to forever recognize the contributions that this successful pioneer in the retail clothing industry made to this State and nation by naming the bridge in Cherokee County that crosses the Norfolk Southern Railway tracks along United States Highway 29 in her honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the bridge in Cherokee County that crosses the Norfolk Southern Railway tracks along United States Highway 29 the “Edna H. Hamrick Memorial Bridge” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this bridge that contain the words “Edna H. Hamrick Memorial Bridge”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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