**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DAVID HUDSPETH, FORT MILL TOWN MANAGER, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF FORT MILL, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that David Hudspeth, Fort Mill town manager, will begin a well‑deserved retirement on February 1, 2013, after fifteen years of dedicated service to the citizens of Fort Mill; and

Whereas, David Hudspeth began working with the Town of Fort Mill in 1997 under Mayor Charles Powers. Under Mr. Hudspeth’s leadership, Fort Mill experienced significant managed growth, an annexation that doubled the town’s physical size, as well as the creation and success of the South Carolina Strawberry Festival. These are among the accomplishments of which he is most proud; and

Whereas, during his tenure, David Hudspeth also saw an expansion of the parks and recreation, police, and fire departments. The town grew from about sixty full‑time employees to nearly one hundred twenty full‑time and numerous part‑time employees. Among the most visible changes to the town were the creation of Veteran’s and Millstone parks at the base of Main Street, the renovation of Steele Street and Harris Street parks, and the expansion of Doby’s Bridge Park, set to be completed this spring; and

Whereas, those who have had the privilege of working with David Hudspeth do not stint their praise. Joe Cronin, assistant town manager and planning director, had this to say: “When David first came to Fort Mill, the city was in the early stages of its current growth phase. ... Here we are now, fifteen years later, and our population has essentially doubled to nearly twelve thousand residents. ... Fort Mill is one of the fastest growing areas in the State. David has played a major role in guiding the growth and development of the town, and we will certainly miss his vision and leadership”; and

Whereas, to recognize David Hudspeth’s committed service to Fort Mill, the town will host a retirement celebration in his honor on January 30, 2013; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the years of dedication that Town Manager David Hudspeth has devoted to the advancement of Fort Mill, and the members wish him many years of enjoyment as he takes on new challenges in the days ahead. 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 David Hudspeth, Fort Mill town manager, upon the occasion of his retirement after fifteen years of outstanding service to the Town of Fort Mill, and wish him continued success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to David Hudspeth.

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