**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE TINDALL CORPORATION OF SPARTANBURG AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO CONGRATULATE ITS CHAIRMAN AND CEO, WILLIAM “BILL” LOWNDES III, ON HALF A CENTURY OF OUTSTANDINGLY SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEURIAL ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Tindall Corporation of Spartanburg, led by Chairman and CEO William “Bill” Lowndes III, is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary on May 1, 2013; and

Whereas, in 1963, Spartanburg business legend and Citadel graduate Bill Lowndes purchased a tiny five‑employee operation off Howard Gap Road called Tindall Concrete Pipe Corporation; and

Whereas, immediately rolling up his sleeves for some hard work, he spent years building the company into one of the largest manufacturers of precast, prestressed concrete products and building systems in the United States; and

Whereas, since 2005, the company has posted annual revenues in excess of $200 million and has completed more than ten thousand precast projects. Tindall boasts eight hundred forty employees and five manufacturing facilities in South Carolina, Mississippi, Virginia, Georgia, and Texas; and

Whereas, Tindall’s diverse business now encompasses the industrial, mixed‑use, corrections, architectural wall panel, commercial, education, parking structure, and utility markets; and

Whereas, Bill Lowndes’ forward thinking, ability to attract and keep top talent, and willingness to go above and beyond to serve his customers are just a few keys to his success with Tindall over the years. Additionally, he has focused on innovation, quality and continuous quality improvement, safety, precision, and a dedicated research and development group; and

Whereas, Bill has not gone unappreciated. In 2006, he received the Order of the Palmetto, the state’s highest civilian honor, from Governor Mark Sanford. Other honors also have come to this modest octogenarian, such as being named Spartanburg County Executive of the Year (Professional Secretaries International, 1995) and Lion’s Club Citizen of the Year (1997); and

Whereas, because he strongly believes in active participation in the community, Bill is an active member and leader of the South Carolina Historical Society, Spartanburg Conservation Endowment, and Foundation of Economics and Environment, as well as a former director or board member of numerous entities, among them Carolina Southern Bank, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce. He is past president of the Spartanburg Rotary Club and past chairman of the South Carolina Policy Council Education Foundation. A man of faith, Bill Lowndes is a member of the Church of the Advent and has served there as vestryman and junior warden; and

Whereas, appreciative of their significant contributions to the prosperity of the Palmetto State, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in honoring Tindall Corporation and its dynamic entrepreneurial heart, Bill Lowndes, on the occasion of the company’s fiftieth anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize Tindall Corporation of Spartanburg at the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary and congratulate its chairman and CEO, William “Bill” Lowndes III, on half a century of outstandingly successful entrepreneurial endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Tindall Corporation.

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