**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MR. JOHN HUGHES OF MARION COUNTY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC EDUCATION, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, AND TO WISH HIM WELL DURING HIS TENURE AS PRESIDENT.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Mr. John Hughes of Marion County has been elected president of the South Carolina School Boards Association for 2013; and

Whereas, a longtime advocate for public education, Mr. Hughes brings a strong background in school board leadership, consensus‑building, and a passion for achieving results that are in the best interests of students; and

Whereas, prior to his election as president of the South Carolina School Boards Association, Mr. Smith served for twenty‑six years as a member of the Marion County Area Two School Board. As a member of that board, his efforts vitally contributed to countless improvements in school facilities and academic achievement, resulting in an outstanding and continuously improving environment for all students to learn and flourish; and

Whereas, in addition to his decades of experience as a school board member, Mr. Smith has refined his expertise in the field through additional training with the Boardmanship Institute, a year‑round educational program offered by the South Carolina School Boards Association, culminating with his achievement of the highest level of training offered by the institute; and

Whereas, retired from work as a facilities manager for Asea Brown Boveri in Florence since 2002, Mr. Hughes has given to his community in a variety of ways, including service as president of the Mullins Chamber of Commerce and on the board of trustees of the Carolinas Hospital System’s hospital in Marion County; and

Whereas, a man of faith, John Hughes finds spiritual strength as an active member of Ebenezer AME Church, where he serves as a class leader and member of the Men’s Chorus. Further strength comes from the support of his beloved wife, Stella; their cherished children, Rodney Allen and Lisa Hughes Scott; and four delightful grandchildren; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in adding its tribute to the extensive praise received by this distinguished leader in public education, and the members with one voice extend best wishes to Mr. Hughes for a highly successful tenure as president of the South Carolina School Boards Association and for many more productive years of service to come. 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 Mr. John Hughes of Marion County for his outstanding leadership in public education, to congratulate him on being elected president of the South Carolina School Boards Association, and to wish him well during his tenure as president.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. John Hughes.

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