**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALBERT STEVEN “STEVE” HARTSELL, JR., FOR HIS DEDICATION TO ANDERSON COUNTY AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR THE SUCCESSFUL INSTALLATION OF A FULL‑SERVICE COMMUNITY PARK FOR ANDERSON COUNTY IN THE DOUBLE SPRINGS COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the keen enthusiasm and perseverance of Steve Hartsell as he envisioned and brought into existence the community park that now graces Anderson County; and

Whereas, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great‑grandfather, he retired from WestPoint Stevens and now runs a farm with Santa Gertrudis cattle and mini‑horses; and

Whereas, he has served as a member of Citizens Advisory Board District Four for the past six years for the Anderson County Development Standards Department and is serving his second term on the Anderson County Transportation Committee; and

Whereas, since 1992, Mr. Hartsell has served as president of the Double Springs Community Association, during which time he has worked on numerous projects to benefit the Double Springs Community; and

Whereas, he negotiated the transfer of property which formerly housed Double Springs School to the Double Springs Community and worked with Anderson County officials, the County Council, and Representative Don Bowen for the completion of a full‑service Anderson County Park; and

Whereas, the park includes a walking track, shelter with picnic tables, a ball field, playground equipment for children that even boasts a tree house, shrubs and trees for beautification and comfort, and a monument displaying the bell from the old school with a bulletin board and a plaque honoring local veterans and public servants; and

Whereas, for a number of years, Mr. Hartsell has organized and conducted summer camps at the Double Springs Park for children ages twelve and under; and

Whereas, in his support of the Double Springs Fire Department, he procured a heart defibrillator for the department and oversees the annual recognition of the Fireman of the Year by the Double Springs Community Association; and

Whereas, he is responsible for the acquisition of stoplights at Exit 11 and Highway 24 as increased traffic had rendered the intersection more dangerous; and

Whereas, he initiated the request for turn lanes that has relieved traffic congestion on Highways 187 and 24 and is currently pursuing numerous other improvements to enhance safety and convenience in the Double Springs Community; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the devotion that Steve Hartsell has selflessly given to the betterment of the Double Springs Community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Albert Steven “Steve” Hartsell, Jr., for his dedication to Anderson County and commend him for the successful installation of a full‑service community park for Anderson County in the Double Springs Community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Albert Steven Hartsell, Jr.

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