**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND ADAM BEAM FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK AS GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS WRITER AT THE *STATE* NEWSPAPER IN COLUMBIA, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING SELECTED TO SERVE AS ASSOCIATED PRESS LEAD STATE HOUSE REPORTER IN KENTUCKY, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly has learned that Adam Beam, award‑winning government and politics writer at the *State* newspaper, has accepted the post of Associated Press (AP) lead State House reporter in Kentucky and will be leaving Columbia’s *State* newspaper, where he has served with distinction for nearly a decade; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, Adam Beam earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism and mass communications at the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, during his nine years at the *State*, the young reporter has covered law enforcement, state and local government, and politics, including the administration of Governor Nikki Haley and the state’s GOP presidential primary in 2012. His work has won honors from the South Carolina Press Association six times since 2006, and in 2008 Mr. Beam was chosen winner of the Ambrose E. Gonzales Award for Distinguished Journalism, a coveted accolade named for the co‑founder of the *State*; and

Whereas, this well‑respected journalist, as AP South Region Editor Lisa Marie Pane says, “is tenacious and well versed on covering politics” and will bring with him “that laser‑eyed focus and drive to dig beneath the surface” to his new position in Kentucky; and

Whereas, having made his mark and set the bar of achievement high in his profession, Adam Beam long will be remembered in the Palmetto State for the excellence of his journalistic labors. The General Assembly takes great pleasure in wishing him all the best as he takes on new duties and challenges in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and commend Adam Beam for his outstanding work as government and politics writer at the *State* newspaper in Columbia, congratulate him on being selected to serve as Associated Press lead State House reporter in Kentucky, and wish him much success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Adam Beam.

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