**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE STUART KAUFMAN OF MOUNT PLEASANT FOR HIS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR THE CONTRIBUTION OF HIS TIME, TALENTS, AND RESOURCES IN PROTECTING OUR AMERICAN LIBERTIES, IN HONORING THE SERVICE OF OUR VETERANS, AND IN SUPPORTING THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to note that Stuart Kaufman of Mount Pleasant, retired attorney and businessman, has proven himself a staunch friend of this country and the State of Israel, the only nation directly established by the Creator; and

Whereas, in preparation for a distinguished career, Stuart Kaufman earned a bachelor’s degree at New York University and a J.D. degree from George Washington University, followed by an LL.M. degree in environmental law from the same institution; and

Whereas, over the years, Mr. Kaufman served as principal of Management Recruiters of Great Neck, director of Environmental Acquisitions, one of the founders of Fortress Global Investigations, as well as its executive vice president for business development, and principal of the law firm of Fisch & Kaufman, P.C.; and

Whereas, not content with simply making his mark as attorney, businessman, and entrepreneur, Stuart Kaufman has sought ways to benefit his fellow countrymen and the State of Israel by supporting a variety of projects, including his work as coordinator of special projects for the United West in support of Israel; and

Whereas, he participates in A Ride to Remember, an annual convention of the Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance, which raises money to support Holocaust education. Further, he is a member of the Patriot Guard, originally formed to provide a barrier to protect the funerals of American servicemen killed in Iraq and Afghanistan from demonstrations by protesters. Today, having expanded countrywide, the Patriot Guard meets planes of returning servicemen and provides color guards at funerals of returning servicemen and all veterans when requested by the family. Mr. Kaufman attests that riding with the Patriot Guard is the most rewarding experience of his life; and

Whereas, of late years, he has become increasingly alarmed with the turn our country is taking, particularly with respect to the spread of political Islamism in the United States and its infiltration into American institutions. Accordingly, while still living in New York, Mr. Kaufman was instrumental in successfully opposing the establishment of a public high school whose purpose was to be the education of its students in Islamic studies and language at taxpayer expense. He was also instrumental in opposition to the Ground Zero Mosque; and

Whereas, since moving to South Carolina, he has been active in the Charleston Jewish community and has spoken frequently on Israel and the benefits to the United States of a strong American‑Israeli alliance. Now an unofficial emissary for Israel to the non‑Jewish community, he has been invited on multiple occasions by members of the Black Pastors Association to speak to their congregations about Israel and the scourge of political Islam and has spoken to various political groups about the growing threat of Islamism in South Carolina; and

Whereas, grateful for his active and courageous labors on behalf of such important causes, the House is pleased to recognize and commend Stuart Kaufman and to wish him God’s blessing and continued success in all his future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute Stuart Kaufman of Mount Pleasant for his many achievements and for the contribution of his time, talents, and resources in protecting our American liberties, in honoring the service of our veterans, and in supporting the State of Israel.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Stuart Kaufman.

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