**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MUNGO HOMES ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING, AND CONGRATULATE THE MUNGO FAMILY UPON THE CELEBRATION OF SIXTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY IN THE MIDLANDS AND THE SOUTHEAST.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Mungo Homes is celebrating sixty years of outstanding development and home building in the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, Mungo Homes was founded in 1954 by Michael J. Mungo, who was working as a sheetrock installer while pursuing his college studies at the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in the subsequent decades, the Mungo family company has steadily built the Mungo Company into the largest residential developer in South Carolina, as well as one of the nation’s leading home building operations; and

Whereas, a pioneer of land development as a viable profession, Michael Mungo innovated residential development and construction in the Midlands by building the first neighborhood situated outside of a municipality in the area to have water and sewer, rolled concrete curbs and gutters, uniform street lighting, and restrictive covenants; and

Whereas, as the company prospered, Michael Mungo taught the value of hard work to sons Stewart and Steven by putting them to work in the family business. The boys often worked on various job sites, giving rise to Steven Mungo’s claim to have raked every rock off of Coldstream Country Club in 1967; and

Whereas, although Stewart and Steven first worked part-time for Mungo Homes while students, fate influenced their career paths with the company. Stewart joined his father in 1974 after graduating from Wofford College, and four years later assumed the presidency of Mungo Homes when health matters made it necessary for Michael Mungo to reduce his role in the daily affairs of the company. Steven Mungo had intended to pursue other interests, but when he entered the work world after graduating from Wofford College in 1981, a weak national economy provided few appealing options, and he decided to join the family business; and

Whereas, the Mungo brothers have proven to be a highly successful team, working from side-by-side offices where Stewart oversees land development and Steven oversees residential construction. However, these talented brothers are quick to acknowledge that the success of Mungo Homes also has depended on its dedicated staff; and

Whereas, one of the Southeast’s most award‑winning builders, Mungo Homes was honored as the winner of the prestigious 2008 National Housing Quality Award, the only South Carolina based builder ever to be so honored. The company also was recognized as America’s Best Builder 2012 by *Builder* magazine, and as the 2012 National Green Advocate of the Year by the National Association of Homebuilders; and

Whereas, building new homes in eight markets in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, and soon to expand to Huntsville, Alabama, the company was recently ranked the thirty‑seventh largest builder in the country by *Builder* magazine. Following in the footsteps of Michael Mungo and his sons, the family’s third generation is now becoming involved in day‑to‑day operation of Mungo Homes; and

Whereas, Stewart and Steven Mungo are both members of the South Carolina Housing Hall of Fame, and have received numerous awards and recognitions from both local and state home builders’ associations, having served on the board of directors of both; and

Whereas, devoted to the community, Stewart and Steven Mungo, support numerous organizations, such as the National Kidney Foundation, Harvest Hope Food Bank, the Columbia Free Medical Clinic, Pawmetto Lifeline Animal Shelter, EdVenture Children’s Museum, Oliver Gospel Mission, and Habitat for Humanity. Loyal to their alma mater, the Mungo brothers also have been generous benefactors of Wofford College, where they have provided the Mungo Family Endowed Scholarship Fund, The Mungo Endowed Professorship, The M. Stewart and Steven W. Mungo Endowed Scholarship Fund, and the Mungo Center. Additionally, Stewart serves as a member of the Wofford College Board of Trustees, and Steven Mungo serves as a member of the Wofford College President’s Advisory Board; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the standard of excellence set by Mungo Homes and the economic vitality the company has brought to the Palmetto State for sixty years. 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 Mungo Homes on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of it’s founding, and congratulate the Mungo Family upon the celebration of sixty years of dedicated service and philanthropy in the Midlands and the Southeast.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Mungo Family.

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