**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE KENNETH MCFADDEN ON HIS EXTRAORDINARY CAREER IN POWERLIFTING AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AS HE COMPETES IN THE 2014 NATIONALS OF USA POWERLIFTING.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Kenneth McFadden has qualified to participate in the 2014 Nationals of USA Powerlifting (USAPL); and

Whereas, born in Florence on January 7, 1969, Kenneth McFadden was one of six siblings and attended school in Timmonsville, graduating in 1987; and

Whereas, in August of 1988, he joined the Army National Guard and served for six years as a combat engineer; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife, the former Loris A. Dyson of Florence, on April 28, 1990, and together they have reared two fine sons, Maurice and Karon McFadden; and

Whereas, Mr. McFadden developed an interest in weightlifting, football, basketball, and track at an early age, and he entered his first powerlifting competition in 1993; and

Whereas, during that year, he enrolled in Tae Kwon Do classes and studied the Korean martial art for seven years, earning a third‑degree black belt; and

Whereas, he joined the USAPL organization in 2006 and now holds the South Carolina and North Carolina bench, squat, and dead‑lift state records; and

Whereas, his bench‑press record stands at 551 pounds, made on June 27, 2009; his squat record is 700 pounds, made on August 30, 2010; and his dead‑lift record is 672 pounds, also made on August 30, 2010; and

Whereas, competing at The Nationals in 2011 in Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. McFadden won a silver medal, and every year he competed in the USAPL Battle of the Border, he won first place until 2012; and

Whereas, he has now qualified for The Nationals to be held in Austin, Texas, on August 22 and 23, 2014, and he plans to compete in the World Championship Powerlifting in 2015; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the standard of excellence that Kenneth McFadden has set in the field of powerlifting and wish him success as he competes at the 2014 USA Powerlifting Nationals in Austin, Texas. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Kenneth McFadden on his extraordinary career in powerlifting and wish him continued success as he competes in the 2014 Nationals of USA Powerlifting.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Kenneth McFadden.

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