**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE R. SAMUEL BELL OF GREENVILLE ON HIS ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PETROLEUM MARKETERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA FOR 2014 AND TO FURTHER RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE HIM FOR THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE FIRST PETROLEUM MARKETER FROM THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE PETROLEUM MARKETERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that R. Samuel Bell of Greenville has been elected Chairman of the Petroleum Marketers Association of America (PMAA) for 2014; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is also pleased to learn that Mr. Bell now holds the distinction of being the first South Carolina petroleum marketer ever to be elected as PMAA chairman; and

Whereas, an active member in the petroleum marketing industry, Mr. Bell is a past president of the South Carolina Petroleum Marketers Association and still serves on the association’s executive committee; and

Whereas, he is also a member of the South Carolina Trucking Association and the South Carolina Propane Gas Association; and

Whereas, nationally, Mr. Bell serves as a member of the board of directors of the National Oilheat Research Alliance and was instrumental in South Carolina’s involvement in the Oilheat Alliance; and

Whereas, he also serves as a member of the National Biodiesel Board and on the RIN (Renewable Identification Number) Integrity Task Force; and

Whereas, as a member of the National Conference on Weights and Measures, Mr. Bell testifies frequently before the conference on industry‑related issues; and

Whereas, in addition to his industry involvement, Mr. Bell and his company, Echols Oil Company, are generous supporters of local non‑profit organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America and Big Brothers and Big Sisters, as well as the Greenville Family Partnership. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate R. Samuel Bell of Greenville on his election as chairman of the Petroleum Marketers Association of America and further recognize and congratulate him for the distinction of being the first petroleum marketer from the State of South Carolina to be elected chairman of the Petroleum Marketers Association of America.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to R. Samuel Bell.

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