**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RENAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 124 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 123 TO THE GREENVILLE COUNTY LINE FROM “JOE ANDERS HIGHWAY” TO “JOE ANDERS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, Joe Anders was born in Transylvania County, North Carolina in 1921 and his family relocated to the Brandon Mill Community in Greenville when he was a small child; and

Whereas, as a child Mr. Anders was a mentee and next door neighbor of Shoeless Joe Jackson and as a result became a very talented baseball player; and

Whereas, at age thirteen, Mr. Anders joined the local American Legion baseball team and was its youngest player. He began his professional baseball career with the Greenville Spinners in 1942; and

Whereas, soon after receiving a contract offer from the New York Yankees, Mr. Anders was drafted by the United States Army in August 1942. He fought for sixteen months in the Pacific Theater as part of the Aleutian Islands Campaign; and

Whereas, following World War II, he rejoined the Greenville Spinners, playing for the team under contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers; and

Whereas, in 1948, he was hired by the Brandon Mill to be an employee of the mill and manager and player for its baseball team. His team won the pennant that same year. In 1949, he was hired by the Woodside Mill to be a player and manager and moved to Easley, where he retired many years later; and

Whereas, Mr. Anders was a community mentor, coaching hundreds of players in little league sports, many of whom are now leaders of the community and often express their appreciation for his influence in their lives. He also gave many years of dedicated service to the Special Olympics, was inducted into the Easley Sports Hall of Fame and the Greenville Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Mr. Anders was married to Bonnie Kate Mahaffey for fifty-six years. The couple was blessed with two children, Danny and Steve Anders. He was the proud grandfather to Jon, Michael, Joe, and Erin Anders, and great grandfather to Lauren, Blake, and Daniel Anders; and

Whereas, he was a godly man, a Christian man who was unafraid to profess his faith; and

Whereas, Mr. Anders fought cancer during the final year of his life and he was an optimist and inspiration to others the entire time. He passed away at the Richard Campbell Veterans Nursing Home in November 2015 at the age of ninety-four. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, request that the South Carolina Department of Transportation rename the portion of South Carolina Highway 124 in Greenville County from its intersection with United States Highway 123 to the Greenville County line from “Joe Anders Highway” to “Joe Anders Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of highway that contain this designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Mr. Joe Anders.

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