**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. JAMES R. FRAZIER UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AND TO HIM FOR THIRTY‑FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN HORRY COUNTY COUNCILMAN.

Whereas, after thirty‑five years of dedicated service, Mr. James R. Frazier will retire from the Horry County Council on March 1, 2016; and

Whereas, Mr. Frazier is a graduate of Whittmore High School. He attended Horry‑Georgetown Technical College and the Fortune School of Real Estate, where he received his real estate license in 1987; and

Whereas, Mr. Frazier began his career with the Jerry Cox Company in Conway as a department manager in sales. He went on to work for the South Carolina Department of Agriculture for twenty‑three years as a consumer specialist; and

Whereas, in 1978, Mr. Frazier was invited to the White House by President Jimmy Carter to discuss issues facing American farmers. In 1986, he was elected to serve as chairman of the Horry County Democratic Party, becoming the first African American elected to serve in this position; and

Whereas, Mr. Frazier was elected to the Horry County Council in 1980. He was instrumental in the development and implementation of state policy through his service on the South Carolina Association of Counties Board of Directors; and

Whereas, Mr. Frazier is an active member of his community, serving on the boards of directors of the United Way, the Horry County Literacy Council, and the Conway Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the South Carolina Family of the Year Committee, the Bucksport Water System, the National Guard Legislative Task Force, and the Assembly on the Future of South Carolina, and served on the advisory board of BB&T Bank, and the Statewide Advisory Committee for Clemson Extension Services; and

Whereas, as a reward for his years of outstanding service, Mr. Frazier has received many awards, including the Jerry Cox Company Excellence Award, the Bethel A.M.E. Church Citizen of the Year Award, the Upsilon Beta‑Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Citizen of the Year Award, the NAACP H.H. Singleton II Leadership Award, and the Horry County Democratic Party Chairman Service Award; and

Whereas, Mr. Frazier is married and has two children and is a member of Salem A.M.E. Church, where he serves as an adult Sunday School teacher and trustee; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and fine leadership Mr. Frazier has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, the Senate takes great pleasure in wishing him all the best as he enters a much‑deserved retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Mr. James R. Frazier upon the occasion of his retirement and honor him for thirty‑five years of dedicated service as an Horry County Councilman.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. James R. Frazier.

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