**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SALEEM ALAMUDEEN OF THE LAM TANG KUNG FU ACADEMY IN LEXINGTON ON THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACADEMY, TO COMMEND HIM ON HIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE GREATER COLUMBIA AREA AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO EXTEND MOST SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the Lam Tang Kung Fu Academy in Lexington, founded by Saleem Alamudeen, will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary in October 2015; and

Whereas, although his family roots are in South Carolina’s Lowcountry, Master Saleem Alamudeen was born in poverty in New York City’s Harlem and was shaped by a myriad of influences. In his teens, he began his training in Chinese martial arts after observing Chinese Tai Chi in the public city parks; and

Whereas, as an adult, he proudly served in the United States Army. Initially stationed in Europe, he began teaching Chinese martial arts there as he continued his own training. Upon his return to the United States in the early 1980s, he was stationed at Fort Jackson multiple times, where he served for nearly two decades. In 1985, he opened the first Chinese martial arts school in South Carolina, making it one of the very first in the South; and

Whereas, now, thirty years later and after honorable retirement from a full career in the United States Army, Mr. Alamudeen continues to share his extensive knowledge of traditional Kung Fu, Tai Chi, and an array of other Chinese martial arts with the Midlands. During the past three decades, he has sought to promote the philosophy of a healthy lifestyle while helping his many students build social and leadership skills, always emphasizing the importance of giving back to the community by sharing their knowledge of the martial arts; and

Whereas, having dedicated his life to acquiring and applying the knowledge, philosophy, and ethos of Chinese martial arts, Mr. Alamudeen for thirty years has imparted his rich and extremely rare expertise in this subject to the people of South Carolina. Over three decades, he has proven himself an exceptional teacher, as well as an exemplary member of the community, and the House takes great pleasure in saluting him and the Lam Tang Kung Fu Academy on the thirtieth anniversary of its founding. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Saleem Alamudeen of the Lam Tang Kung Fu Academy in Lexington on the thirtieth anniversary of the academy, commend him on his exceptional service to the Greater Columbia area and the State of South Carolina, and extend most sincere best wishes for continued success.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Saleem Alamudeen.

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