**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THAD BRUNSON, CHIEF ENGINEER FOR FIELD OPERATIONS WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN THIRTY‑ONE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Thad Brunson will begin a well‑deserved retirement after more than three decades as an exceptional engineer with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), the last year of which has been as the highly‑regarded chief engineer for field operations; and

Whereas, a graduate of Irmo High School, Thad Brunson earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of South Carolina in 1986 and a master’s degree in civil engineering; and

Whereas, he joined SCDOT in 1983 as an engineering technician at the Research and Materials Laboratory and was promoted to assistant resident maintenance engineer in 1989, to resident maintenance engineer in 1992, and to resident construction engineer in 1994; and

Whereas, Mr. Brunson was appointed the SCDOT assistant District 1 construction engineer in 2001, district construction engineer in 2002, and district engineering administrator in 2004; and

Whereas, in April 2014, he was named chief engineer for field operations, providing support and oversight of field operations in SCDOT’s seven engineering districts across the State; and

Whereas, the professional accomplishments of Thad Brunson are impressive in themselves, but added to their weight is the gravitas of three generations in his family who served SCDOT. His father, J. M. Brunson, was a final plans engineer with more than thirty‑eight years of service, and his mother retired after twenty‑eight years as an administrative assistant to the director of construction. His grandfather, Julius M. Brunson, Sr., served in supply and equipment, accumulating nearly a century of family service; and

Whereas, well‑respected in the engineering community for his professionalism and dedication to SCDOT and the motoring public of South Carolina, Mr. Brunson attends Three Rivers Baptist Church in Irmo; and

Whereas, his maternal great‑grandfather, Marion Vance “M. V.” Horne, served with distinction as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives in the early 1950s; and

Whereas, Mr. Brunson enjoys hunting and coaching baseball in the Providence Athletic Club (PAC) Panthers, which was started in 2009 to make interscholastic sports available to homeschool, charter school, and virtual school students and to students in private schools without a sports’ program. PAC competes against public, private, and other homeschooled athletic teams and formed a baseball team in 2010, which Thad Brunson has assisted coaching since 2011; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, the former Liz Pender of Columbia, he has reared five fine children: Zachary, Nathan, Mary Beth, Jacob, and Patrick; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of exemplary commitment that Thad Brunson has given to the Department of Transportation and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Thad Brunson, Chief Engineer for Field Operations with the South Carolina Department of Transportation, upon the occasion of his retirement after more than thirty‑one years of outstanding service and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Thad Brunson.

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