**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR EARL G. COX OF CHARLESTON COUNTY FOR HIS LIFELONG AND SIGNIFICANT WORK ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED AN AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL FROM ISRAEL TO JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD BY PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU.

Whereas, in 1964, Charleston County resident Earl G. Cox began his career as news director and evening news anchor at a CBS station in Durham, North Carolina, and in 1965, he was chosen by Capital Broadcasting to travel to South Vietnam to report feature news. For his daily television reports from Vietnam, he was awarded the United States Air Force’s Distinguished Citizenship Award, the first television reporter to receive this prestigious award; and

Whereas, after his time in Vietnam, he served as special assistant and press secretary to then Congressman James Gardner in the nation’s capital; and

Whereas, President Richard Nixon named Earl Cox to be the director of broadcasting and chief spokesman for the United States Department of Commerce in 1969; and

Whereas, in three other presidential appointments, he served at the Department of Commerce as the department’s director of broadcast media services and spokesperson; as press secretary to United States Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan and as the director of information and public affairs for the United States Department of Labor; and as the director of information and public affairs for the United States Department of Agriculture; and

Whereas, Mr. Cox served as the national campaign manager for both the Elizabeth Dole and Colin Powell presidential draft campaigns. A prolific author and the featured guest on numerous national television network and cable news programs, he has been honored with the United States Department of Commerce Bronze Medal Award, the nation’s third highest honor; and

Whereas, Earl Cox and his devoted wife, Kathleen, actively crusade for Israel on major television and radio stations across America and around the world with a message for the people of God to unite by laying aside denominational and racial differences; and

Whereas, in 2002, he launched an international radio broadcast, Front Page Jerusalem Global Radio Network which airs across the nation and around the world, featuring news and exclusive interviews with senior level Israeli government officials and religious, business, and community leaders and experts on Middle East affairs; and

Whereas, the foremost Christian radio talk show focusing on Israel, Front Page Jerusalem is now the most listened to program produced out of the Middle East for Christian audiences worldwide; and

Whereas, respected as the “Friend of Israel,” Earl Cox was hailed by former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, as “the voice of Israel to America,” and he travels often to Israel with financial gifts for such projects as the rebuilding of Yemin Orde Youth Village and providing bomb shelters with the support of Operation LifeShield; to hold interviews for Front Page Jerusalem Global Radio Network; and to organize and assist in various humanitarian projects; and

Whereas, as part of an effort to maintain communication between the Jewish and Christian communities in America and Israel, he established the American Christian Reserve (ACR), also known as Israel Always, an all volunteer organization delegated with stopping anti‑Israel media bias and educating people on the rising tide of anti‑Semitism and on the importance of standing with Israel; and

Whereas, ACR seeks to promote tourism to the Holy Land, provide financial assistance where needed, aid the national economy through the promotion of Israeli products, encourage moral and financial support for Israel among churches and government leaders, and organize activities in support of Israel across America; and

Whereas, a contributing writer for the *Jerusalem Post*, he proposed the formation of a Christian Leadership Council of Remembrance to the directors of the world famous Holocaust Memorial Museum in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem, and he helped to secure initial members for the council, which has now been in place for several years; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the meaningful and selfless contributions that Earl Cox has made to support the State of Israel by encouraging stronger ties among people of faith in South Carolina, the United States, and around the world. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Earl Cox of Charleston County for his lifelong and significant work on behalf of the State of Israel and congratulate him for being named an Ambassador of Goodwill from Israel to Jewish and Christian communities around the world by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Earl G. Cox.

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