**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR JACK PADGETT, JR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM PADGETT’S PHARMACY, THE FRIENDLY, FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED PHARMACY WHICH SERVED THE CITIZENS OF BAMBERG FOR SIXTY YEARS, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE PHARMACY’S IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the House of Representatives honors Jack Padgett, Jr., of Bamberg, as he retires from his life’s work and the local pharmacy his family ran for six decades; and

Whereas, Padgett’s Pharmacy opened its doors in 1955. Jack Padgett, Sr., started the business on Main Street and eight years later moved it to the newly constructed site across from Bamberg County Hospital; and

Whereas, making his father so proud, Jack Padgett, Jr., graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Pharmacy in 1972 and joined his father in the family business; and

Whereas, working side-by-side until his father’s retirement and no doubt learning the ropes to carry on his father’s wonderful legacy, Jack Jr. purchased the pharmacy on July 1, 1981, striving the following thirty-plus years to always provide the highest level of service and the highest standard of care to the many loyal customers who patronized the pharmacy; and

Whereas, his concern for his customers and his wish to better serve their needs led to his receiving a certificate of achievement in diabetes management from the Medical University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, he was honored to give back to his profession by serving as President of the South Carolina Pharmacists’ Association from 1982-1983; and

Whereas, married to his wife Mary Ann for thirty-three years, he is also the proud father of two children, Kathleen and Warren; and

Whereas, a devoted member of Trinity United Methodist Church, he is also a member of the Men’s Garden Club; and

Whereas, after over forty years of dedicated service, Jack Padgett, Jr., made the difficult decision to retire and sell the business to Rite Aid in April 2015. Rite Aid will certainly have big shoes to fill as the citizens of Bamberg who frequented Padgett’s Pharmacy were indeed fortunate to benefit from the caring and knowledgeable pharmacists and staff for six decades and their four-legged friends were even treated to Milk-Bones at the drive-through window; and

Whereas, it is with great pride that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives honor Jack Padgett, Jr., on his retirement from such a fine endeavor and note the success for six decades of this fine South Carolina small business. 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, honor Jack Padgett, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from Padgett’s Pharmacy, the friendly, family owned and operated pharmacy which served the citizens of Bamberg for sixty years, and to recognize the pharmacy’s impact on the community.

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