**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND JOHN C. “SON” TEAL OF CHERAW FOR HIS MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP TO THE PEOPLE OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to pause in its deliberations to offer a warm collective salute to Mr. John C. “Son” Teal of Cheraw, a longtime friend and benefactor of Chesterfield County; and

Whereas, born in Chesterfield County, Son Teal has lived in Cheraw his entire life. He married Dorothy Lewis on May 2, 1957, founded with his dear wife a fine family of three children, and joined with her in another kind of teamwork: a husband‑wife business partnership that has lasted since its inception in 1961, when the couple opened Teal’s Seafood. This, however, has not been their only business venture; and

Whereas, in the 1970s, Son and Dorothy opened the successful Teal’s Family Fish House in Cheraw, an entrepreneurial endeavor that involved the entire Teal family. Son’s most famous words back then were “Hot fish, hot shrimp!” when the succulent seafood was coming out of the kitchen to be served. The eighty‑three‑year‑old is now world famous for his mouth‑watering Teal Burger, which he still handpats, and his hot fish and shrimp; and

Whereas, Son Teal’s top priority in business always has been his customers. There’s no telling how many fish Son has given away to individuals, churches, civic organizations, and others to aid their fundraising efforts. In his spare time, he relishes fishing, and during the career of Dale Earnhardt, Sr., he followed NASCAR. He also followed his son John Wayne’s successful dirt bike career and enjoyed watching his grandsons play football. Family comes first to Son; and

Whereas, in his dedication and love to the community for more than fifty‑five years, Son Teal has been not only a business leader but also a friend to all. He is a Chesterfield County legend and institution. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and commend John C. “Son” Teal of Cheraw for his more than half a century of service and friendship to the people of Chesterfield County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to John C. “Son” Teal.

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