**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BENNETT MOTOR COMPANY INC. OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY ON ITS NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH THE COMPANY MANY MORE YEARS OF PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS.

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Bennett Motor Company Inc. of Chesterfield County is celebrating its ninetieth anniversary in 2016; and

Whereas, founded nine decades ago by Russell E. Bennett and incorporated in the State of South Carolina on December 31, 1948, the company has been serving the Sandhills area of North Carolina and South Carolina since 1926. It is a franchised Chevrolet and Buick dealer, as well as a Quality Used Car and Truck dealer, and provides factory‑authorized service and parts for all General Motors makes; and

Whereas, four generations of the Bennett family have had a hand in Bennett Motor’s ninety years of continuous operation. At the company’s founding, James F. Bennett and his son Russell E. Bennett, Sr., served as the original shareholders. Next, brothers Russell E. Bennett, Jr., and Robert M. Bennett, Sr., had their part in the company’s history. Today, Robert M. Bennett, Jr., carries on the tradition of family ownership of the company; and

Whereas, presently, Bennett Motor Company Inc. operates from its location in Cheraw, the town in which it was founded and from which it serves not only Cheraw but also nearby Bennettsville and Rockingham; and

Whereas, looking back over the company’s history, current owner Robert M. Bennett, Jr., is rightly proud of his company’s “staying power” in the community, which it has earned as a result of Bennett Motor’s reputation for fine service and honest dealing; and

Whereas, wishing the company all the best in the years to come, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in congratulating Cheraw’s Bennett Motor Company Inc. on nearly a century of successful and respected work in the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Bennett Motor Company Inc. of Chesterfield County on its ninetieth anniversary and wish the company many more years of prosperity and success.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bennett Motor Company Inc.

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