**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE KENNETH F. “KEN” HODGES OF COLLETON COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS IN DISTRICT 121 AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that Representative Ken Hodges will depart from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, born in Bennetts Point on February 11, 1952, he is the son of the late Benjamin F. Hodges and the late Lydia Whaley Hodges, and he earned a bachelor’s degree from Clark College in 1977; and

Whereas, Representative Hodges married his beloved wife, Patricia Few Hodges, on August 7, 1982, and together they have reared three fine children: Kendrea, Kenyatta, and Kenithea; and

Whereas, he holds a master of divinity from Morehouse School of Religion of Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and when away from his duties in the House of Representatives, he resides in Green Pond and serves as the pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church; and

Whereas, formerly the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Bennettsville from 1986 to 1995, Representative Hodges has served his denomination tirelessly on the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance from 1993 to 1995, on the faculty of South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education since 1994, and on the executive board of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina from 1995 to 2001; and

Whereas, he has been a member of ministerial delegations to London, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Malawi, and Zimbabwe, and he has preached overseas in Zimbabwe, Bulawayo, and Matare; and

Whereas, an instructor at Morris College Extension since 1998, Representative Hodges served as the vice moderator of the Old Ashley Baptist Association from 1994 to 2004 and as its moderator since 2004; and

Whereas, deeply involved in his community, Representative Hodges served on the Bennettsville City Council from 1989 to 1995 and the Bennettsville Housing Authority, as its commissioner from 1989 to 1993 and as its chairman from 1991 to 1993; and

Whereas, he also has served on the board of directors for the Beaufort Area Boys and Girls Club from 1997 to 2002; the Palmetto Chapter of the American Red Cross from 1997 to 2002; Main Street Beaufort, USA, since 2004; and as a member of the Beaufort County Economic Development Board from 1998 to 2001; and

Whereas, Representative Hodges has faithfully served the citizens of District 121 in Beaufort and Colleton counties in the House of Representatives since 2005, during which time he has served on the Agriculture, Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Committee and chair of the Colleton County delegation; and

Whereas, in all of his service, he has provided clear and reasoned counsel for more than a decade to his colleagues in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the distinguished service that Ken Hodges, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives, and hope that he will enjoy deep fulfillment in the years to come. 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 commend the HonorableKenneth F. “Ken” Hodges of Colleton County for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents in District 121 and the citizens of South Carolina and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Ken Hodges.

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