**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE WALTON J. MCLEOD FOR HIS TWENTY YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 40 IN NEWBERRY COUNTY AND TO WISH HIM CONTENTMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for twenty years, the Honorable Walton J. McLeod has represented the citizens of House District 40 in Newberry County with faithful integrity and characteristic good humor in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, to begin preparation for his long career, businessman and attorney Walt McLeod completed his undergraduate studies at Yale University in 1959, followed by studies at the University of South Carolina, where he earned his LL.B. in 1964. He also attended the University of Minneapolis Public Health School in 1972. As a patriotic young man, he served his country as a member of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Navy Reserve (Retired); and

Whereas, over the years, Walt McLeod also served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Clement Haynsworth of the United States 4th Circuit Court of Appeals. Further, he was an attorney with Pope & Schumpert, assistant United States attorney, general counsel for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and deputy South Carolina attorney general. In addition to his election to the South Carolina House of Representatives, Mr. McLeod was elected to serve as mayor of Little Mountain (1983‑1989, 1993‑1996); and

Whereas, during his time of service in the House of Representatives (1997‑2016), Walt McLeod has proven his worth as a member of the Judiciary Committee (first vice chairman, 2006‑2008), the Legislative Oversight Committee, and the State House Committee; and

Whereas, Representative McLeod has carried forward his family’s rich history of community service through various local, state, and national organizations. Past and present service includes membership in the Newberry College Foundation, South Carolina Alzheimer’s Association, S.E. Institute for Women in Politics, South Carolina Reserve Officers (state president), Judge Advocates Association (national president), and J.B. O’Neall Inn of Court, as well as on the Newberry County Council on Aging Board and *Southeastern Environmental Law Journal* Editorial Advisory Board. He is also a member of the American Legion, Ruritan Club, Masons, Hejaz Shriners, and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, among other organizations; and

Whereas, in recognition of his dedicated service to his fellow citizens, Walt McLeod has been granted various honors, among them the 1997 Outstanding Freshman Representative Award, 1998 South Carolina Reserve Officer of the Year Award, 2006 South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts Legislator Appreciation Award, 2006 South Carolina American Legion Outstanding Service Award, and 2008 South Carolina Human Services Providers Association Legislator of the Year Award; and

Whereas, as a proud husband, he finds his beloved wife, Julie E. Hamiter, a blessing and draws his strength from her strong support. Together they reared one fine son, Tad, who has blessed them with three wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, Walt McLeod’s colleagues in the House of Representatives thank him for his unparalleled dedication to the people of District 40, hope he forgives them for this two‑page tribute he deserves, and extend heartiest wishes for all the best life has to offer in the coming years. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Walton J. McLeod for his twenty years of committed service to the citizens of District 40 in Newberry County and wish him contentment and success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Walton J. McLeod.

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