**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE GRADY A. BROWN OF LEE COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS IN DISTRICT 50 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 Grady Brown will depart from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, born on May 1, 1944, he is the son of the late John Arthur and the late Maude Atkinson Brown. He graduated from Ashwood Central High School in 1962 and completed the School of Barbering at the South Carolina Area Trade School in 1964; and

Whereas, in the patriotic tradition of a Palmetto son, Representative Brown served in the South Carolina Air National Guard for six years; and

Whereas, together he and his beloved wife, Laura Annette Webster, reared two fine children, Jonathan Everett and Grady Allen; and

Whereas, when away from his duties in the General Assembly, Representative Brown maintains his barber shop near his residence in Bishopville and DJs on Sumter’s WIBZ for the *Beach Music Air Force* show; and

Whereas, deeply involved in his community, he served with distinction on Lee County Council from 1973 to 1980 and was president of the Lee County Chamber of Commerce from 1974 to 1975. In 1976, he was honored as the Lee County Outstanding Young Man of the Year; and

Whereas, Representative Brown served on the advisory board of First Citizens Bank and Trust in Bishopville, on the advisory board of the First Citizens Bank from 1990 to 2005, on the Lee County United Way in 1973, on the Lee County Chapter of the American Cancer Society from 1970 to 1971 and again in 1984, and as a member of the Bishopville Jaycees in 1971; and

Whereas, he has faithfully served the citizens of District 50 in Kershaw, Lee, and Sumter counties in the House of Representatives since 1985, during which time he has served on the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee as its first vice chair and on the Rules Committee; and

Whereas, in all of his service, Representative Brown has provided consistent and steady counsel for more than three decades to his colleagues in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the perceptive and thoughtful service that Grady Brown, 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 HonorableGrady A. Brown of Lee County for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents in District 50 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 Grady A. Brown.

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