**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 26/SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 773 INTERCHANGE IN NEWBERRY COUNTY THE “SENATOR TOM POPE INTERCHANGE” IN HONOR OF FORMER SENATOR TOM POPE AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS REFLECTING THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, Thomas H. Pope III was elected to the South Carolina Senate in 1984, and served with distinction for eight years from 1985 to 1992, representing Newberry, Saluda, and Union Counties; and

Whereas, Tom Pope graduated in 1968 from the University of the South, and served in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam as the officer‑in‑charge of a patrol craft in the Mekong Delta, for which Lieutenant Pope was awarded a Bronze Star Medal; and

Whereas, Tom Pope, a 1974 graduate of the University of South Carolina Law School, served as President of the USC Law School Association, as President of the Newberry County Bar, and while a Senator, served as Chair of the Joint Judicial Screening Committee; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to acknowledge Senator Pope’s leadership by naming the Interstate Highway 26/South Carolina Highway 773 Interchange the “Senator Tom Pope Interchange”. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the Interstate Highway 26/South Carolina Highway 773 Interchange in Newberry County as the “Senator Tom Pope Interchange” and erect appropriate markers or signs reflecting this designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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