**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE COURAGEOUS AND SELFLESS RESPONSES OF THE HONORABLE PHIL LENSKI AND JOHN WIENGES WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES TO SAVE THEIR NEIGHBORS DURING THE DEVASTATING FLOODS OF 2015.

Whereas, during the course of 2015, South Carolina endured some of the worst disasters and tragedies it has suffered in the State’s long history; and

Whereas, on October 4, 2015, torrential rains hammered the State that led to loss of life and property. In the Midlands, Gills Creek measured more than sixteen inches of rain in seventeen hours that Sunday, and just over twenty total inches since Friday; and

Whereas, creeks, lakes, ponds, and rivers topped their banks causing many dams to breach, which resulted in unprecedented flooding; and

Whereas, the rapid and exacting response work of so many private citizens in various neighborhoods saved the lives of whole families trapped inside their homes and, in some cases, families who had left their dwelling to find shelter; and

Whereas, Administrative Law Court Judge Phil Lenski and John Wienges were two of the many citizens that risked their lives to save individuals who suffered devastation from the flood waters; and

Whereas, Phil and John, who both reside along Timberlane Drive in Richland County, conducted water rescues in a canoe after hearing the cries of neighbors stranded in their homes; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives take great pride in thanking both Phil and John who acted on behalf on their fellowman and fulfilled the Golden Rule to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That members of the House of Representatives recognize and commend the courageous and selfless responses of the Honorable Phil Lenski and John Wienges who risked their lives to save their neighbors during the devastating floods of 2015.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Administrative Law Court Judge Phil Lenski and John Wienges.

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