**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND RECOGNIZE, TOLBERT SMALLS, JR., EDITOR AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE *CHARLESTON CHRONICLE*, FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN BRINGING INDISPENSABLE NEWS TO THE AFRICAN‑AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN CHARLESTON, DORCHESTER, AND BERKELEY COUNTIES.

Whereas, born in Charleston on April 24, 1985, Tolbert Smalls, Jr., the son of Nanette and Tolbert Smalls, Sr., graduated from West Ashley High School in 2003; and

Whereas, in 2007, he earned a bachelor’s degree in general business from Francis Marion University, where he became a member of the Omicron Upsilon chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, a professional fraternity for men and women that develops principled business leaders by providing a lifetime of opportunity for its members; and

Whereas, Mr. Smalls returned to Charleston to join the staff of the *Charleston Chronicle* as a marketing executive at the request of his grandfather James French, the newspaper’s publisher. Since 1971, the *Charleston Chronicle*, a weekly African‑American newspaper, has served Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkeley counties; and

Whereas, since 2007, he has risen to become the newspaper’s managing editor and general manager, and under his leadership, the *Charleston Chronicle* has received many honors from the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the largest and most influential African‑American‑owned media resource in the country; and

Whereas, the awards include, the Best Editorial/Commentary Section in 2013 and 2014, the Best Column Writing in 2013, the Best News Coverage in 2012 and 2015, the Top Frontpage Design in 2015, and the Best Feature Story in 2015; and

Whereas, in 2015, Mr. Smalls was elected by his peers as the Southeastern Region Youth Leadership Director of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, a trade association with more than two hundred African‑American‑owned community newspapers throughout the United States; and

Whereas, deeply concerned about the health of his community, he volunteers as a tutor and mentor with such organizations as the Boys and Girls Club; R3, Inc.; Trident One‑Stop Career System; and the Lowcountry Food Bank; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Aleiya Pinckney, he is rearing two fine children, twins Tolbert III and Arrion, and he is a member of Salem Missionary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the meaningful impact that Tolbert Smalls has had through the *Charleston Chronicle*, and the members salute him for his outstanding success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate and recognize, Tolbert Smalls, Jr., Editor and General Manager of the *Charleston Chronicle*, for his significant contributions in bringing indispensable news to the African‑American community in Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkeley counties.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Tolbert Smalls, Jr.

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