**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SAM W. STOKES FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NAME THE JOCASSEE GORGES FIELD OFFICE LOCATED IN THE EASTATOEE VALLEY IN PICKENS COUNTY “SAM W. STOKES WORK CENTER” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS OFFICE THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “SAM W. STOKES WORK CENTER”.

Whereas, Mr. Sam W. Stokes, a native of Pickens County, after completing his undergraduate studies at the University of Georgia, chose to work for the people of this great state; and

Whereas, Sam Stokes is an exemplary leader and manager with a career spanning more than forty years with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources as a supervisory wildlife biologist, from which he retired; and

Whereas, throughout his adult life, Mr. Stokes has unselfishly given of himself in public service to his community and his church, which continues to this day; and

Whereas, among his many accomplishments, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Jim Timmerman Natural Resources Area at Jocassee Gorges, and in the restoration of wild turkey and white-tailed deer to the mountains of South Carolina; and

Whereas, throughout the breadth and length of his tenure with the Department of Natural Resources, Sam Stokes has had his faithful wife, Francis, at his side, sharing in his successes at every turn; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to congratulate Sam Stokes for his many years of public service and to recognize the tremendous contributions that this son of South Carolina has made to his state and this nation by naming a state facility in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Sam W. Stokes for his many years of public service and request that the Department of Natural Resources name the field office at its Jocassee Gorges area located in the Eastatoee Valley in Pickens County “Sam W. Stokes Work Center” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this office that contain the words “Sam W. Stokes Work Center”.

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

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