**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. JOHN SCHAFER OF PICKENS COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the Senate are pleased to learn that Mr. John Schafer of Pickens County will celebrate his seventieth birthday on September 21, 2015; and

Whereas, Mr. Schafer is the director and founder of the South Carolina Grandparents’ Rights Association in Easley; and

Whereas, the Grandparents’ Rights Association is composed of more than 4,000 members and has a presence in thirty‑seven states. The organization has diligently fought to preserve the complete family for the well‑being of children; and

Whereas, the Grandparents’ Rights Association has successfully advocated for issues involving grandparents’ rights, specifically working to improve grandparents’ visitation rights, giving grandparents standing in family court with Department of Social Services cases, and many other issues; and

Whereas, the Senate is proud to honor this son of South Carolina who has dedicated his life to improving the rights of grandparents throughout the State. The members join with his family and friends in congratulating him on reaching this significant milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Mr. John Schafer of Pickens County on the occasion of his seventieth birthday and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and much happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. John Schafer.

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