**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE NEW RIVER AT THE BEAUFORT/JASPER COUNTY LINE ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 46 THE “MELANIE LOWTHER MEMORIAL BRIDGE” AND TO PLACE APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS BRIDGE CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, Mrs. Melanie Fender Lowther was born on June 3, 1953, in Savannah, Georgia, and tragically lost her life on July 31, 2013; and

Whereas, she was the daughter of Melonie G. Fender and the late Johnny Fender; and

Whereas, she was the beloved wife of Barry W. Lowther, and together they raised three children; and

Whereas, Mrs. Lowther, a longtime and successful businesswoman, was the co‑owner and office manager of Collins Septic Tank Service; and

Whereas, she was a faithful member of the Hilton Head Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who family, friends and neighbors described as a person not afraid to lend a helping hand to anyone who was less fortunate than her; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to pay tribute to this businesswoman and humanitarian by naming the bridge that crosses the New River in her honor. Now, therefore,

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

That members of the General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the bridge that crosses the New River at the Beaufort/Jasper county line along South Carolina Highway 46 the “Melanie Lowther Memorial Bridge” and to place appropriate markers or signs at this bridge containing this designation.

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

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