**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE HAROLD MITCHELL, JR., OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that Harold Mitchell, Jr., will depart from the House of Representatives on December 31, 2017; and

Whereas, born in Spartanburg on June 3, 1965, to parents Margaret Duckett Mitchell and the late Harold Mitchell, Sr., he attended South Carolina State University from 1984 to 1985 and the University of South Carolina from 1985 to 1988; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife Wanda Dawkins Mitchell on August 13, 1988, and together they reared three fine children, David Benjamin, Elizabeth Ann, and Hannah Grace; and

Whereas, an active member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, he commits his time to the service of the Lord; and

Whereas, deeply involved in his community, he has served on the EPA National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, the BMW Commission Advisory Council, and the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, he has faithfully served the citizens of District 31 in the House of Representatives since 2005, during which time he has earned several awards, including S.C. Legislator of the Year, named so by the Affordable Housing Coalition in 2008; Home Builders Hammer and Trowel Award in 2009; S.C. Environmental Awareness Award by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources in 2009; National Planning Award for Advancement Diversity & Social Change in 2015; National Black Caucus of State Legislators Regional Legislator of the Year Award in 2015; Revitalizing Vulnerable Communities Champion Award in 2016; and the fiftieth anniversary Bridge Crossing Jubilee of Blood Sunday, Selma‑To‑Montgomery March, Fruit of the Labor Award for Exemplary Public Service; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the keen and impassioned service that Harold Mitchell, Jr., their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives, and hope that he will enjoy deep fulfillment in the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the HonorableHarold Mitchell, Jr., of Spartanburg County for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents and the citizens of South Carolina and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Harold Mitchell, Jr.

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