**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARK ALAN PHILLIPS, MAYOR PRO TEM OF GOOSE CREEK, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN THREE DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Mark Alan Phillips will begin a well‑deserved retirement after more than thirty years as a dedicated member of the Goose Creek City Council, the last of which have been as the distinguished and highly regarded mayor; and

Whereas, born and reared on a farm in South Dakota and educated in a one‑room country school, he earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from South Dakota State University in 1971. In 1978, he earned a master’s degree in business administration from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, and he became a registered professional engineer in Minnesota; and

Whereas, as a commissioned officer, he served in the United States Army Reserves from 1971 to 1997. He has worked as a civil engineer in St. Paul, with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and with the Department of the Army; and

Whereas, while Mr. Phillips was employed by the Army Corps of Engineers in Minnesota, he accepted an opportunity to move to the Palmetto State in 1979 to work on a large project in St. Stephen. He relocated to Goose Creek and its close‑knit community won his heart; and

Whereas, when he and his wife, Sue, were newcomers to Goose Creek, they became charter members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and together they reared two fine children: Aaron, an Air Force pilot, and Amy, who is in fashion merchandising in New York City; and

Whereas, he served his church as a member of Knights of Columbus Council 11991, youth ministry instructor and volunteer, minister of the Eucharist, past president and member of the Parish Council, member of the presenting team for World Wide Marriage Encounter, and member of the church building committee; and

Whereas, Mayor Phillips was elected to the Goose Creek City Council in 1986, where he has played an integral role in the city’s growth for over thirty years. As a member of the city’s Economic Development Advisory Commission, he has been a driving force to attract new business to the area; and

Whereas, during his tenure as mayor, the City of Goose Creek has experienced extensive population growth, expansion of city boundaries, construction of new facilities, improvement in technology, upgrading of infrastructure, and development of a professional, well‑equipped, and efficient city staff; and

Whereas, under Mayor Phillip’s superb leadership, Goose Creek has realized steady and careful growth to become the state’s eighth‑largest municipality; and

Whereas, he was a founding member of Helping Hands of Goose Creek, a local food pantry, and he served as its board president for ten years and worked in the organization for over two decades; and

Whereas, devoted to his community, he has served in numerous volunteer roles, including as a soccer coach for Goose Creek Recreational Center, a den leader for Boy Scout Troop 458, and a member and officer of the Stratford Band Boosters Club; and

Whereas, his impressive professional and community honors include the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service in 2003 from the Department of the Army for outstanding contributions to the Low Country Residence Office and the prestigious Irwin Kahn Award in 2009; and

Whereas, grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Mark Phillips has selflessly devoted to the City of Goose Creek, the South Carolina House of Representatives wishes him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Mark Alan Phillips, Mayor Pro Tem of Goose Creek, upon the occasion of his retirement after more than three decades of exemplary service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mark Alan Phillips, Mayor Pro Tem of Goose Creek.

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