**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND MAYOR MARILYN HATLEY AND THE CITIZENS OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH FOR A HALF CENTURY OF SHOWCASING BOTH THE BEAUTY AND PROGRESS OF THIS GREAT SOUTH CAROLINA TOWN.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to join the City of North Myrtle Beach in celebrating the milestone of its fiftieth anniversary on May 7, 2018; and

Whereas, as a result of Act 559, passed in 1967 by the South Carolina General Assembly, Ocean Drive Beach, Windy Hill Beach, Cherry Grove Beach, and Crescent Beach in 1968 became consolidated into a new municipality called North Myrtle Beach. Robert L. Edge was elected the new city’s first mayor; and

Whereas, today, each of the communities and beaches within North Myrtle Beach possesses its own charm: Atlantic Beach, tucked between Windy Hill and Crescent Beach, boasts an alluring stretch of wide, sandy beaches that span four blocks of completely unobstructed ocean views. Barefoot Resort & Golf Community brings the whole family together and puts everything you could possibly need or want for a great vacation right at your fingertips. The family‑friendly Cherry Grove Beach shines with water sports and recreation. With an ideal location along the salt marsh inlet and the Intracoastal Waterway, Cherry Grove delivers some of the best views on the Grand Strand. Crescent Beach offers a quieter and more secluded getaway between Ocean Drive and Windy Hill. It tenders central access to the entire North Myrtle Beach treasure trove and is just a walk on the beach away from great entertainment; and

Whereas, Little River, covered with live oaks, Spanish moss, marshes, and palm trees, is known for its natural beauty and wildlife and is a perfect community for families interested in an authentic small‑town getaway. This sleepy fishing village can be explored by boat or kayak. Ocean Drive, the heart of North Myrtle Beach and the birthplace of the Carolina Shag, is famed as the area’s main hub of entertainment. Ocean Drive reposes at the center of the collection of seaside villages that make up North Myrtle Beach and plays host to the majority of the area’s festivals. Shore Drive, resting comfortably just outside the North Myrtle Beach city limits, has its own lure as a quaint, secluded getaway for visitors of all ages. And Windy Hill Beach’s laid‑back character is one of the many attractive features of this beach community that developers have sought to preserve. Situated at the southernmost tip of North Myrtle Beach, Windy Hill provides ideal access to the Intracoastal Waterway and Atlantic Ocean; and

Whereas, on May 7, 2018, at the North Myrtle Beach City Council meeting, the city will formally celebrate its fiftieth anniversary; and

Whereas, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in saluting the City of North Myrtle Beach as it honors its past, celebrates its present, and looks with enthusiasm toward its future, and the members extend heartiest congratulations on the city’s half‑century commemoration. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, celebrate the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the City of North Myrtle Beach and congratulate and commend Mayor Marilyn Hatley and the citizens of North Myrtle Beach for a half century of showcasing both the beauty and progress of this great South Carolina town.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mayor Marilyn Hatley.

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