**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WALTER PATRICK “PAT” EARLE, EDUCATOR AND ADVISOR FOR AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AT MCBEE HIGH SCHOOL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER SPENDING A CAREER IN EXEMPLARY SERVICE EDUCATING THE YOUTH OF THE PALMETTO STATE, 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 Pat Earle will begin a well‑deserved retirement on June 30, 2018, after almost four decades as a premier educator, the last thirty‑one years of which have been as a highly‑regarded teacher and advisor of agriculture at McBee High School in Chesterfield County; and

Whereas, after graduating from McBee High School in 1972, he earned an associate’s degree in agriculture in 1974 from Wingate University in Wingate, North Carolina, and a bachelor’s degree in agriculture education in 1976 and a master’s degree in animal science in 1978, both from Clemson University; and

Whereas, before returning to his high school alma mater to join the faculty, Mr. Earle served as an instructor at Florence‑Darlington Technical College; and

Whereas, he joined the Chesterfield County School District in 1987 and has taught agriculture and has served as the advisor of the Future Farmers of America at McBee High School since then; and

Whereas, Mr. Earle’s outstanding career as an educator was recognized in 2011 when he was inducted into the prestigious National Teachers Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, he is married to his beloved wife, Vickie, and has two fine children, Jason and Amanda; and

Whereas, his father had taught him to live by “The Good Book,” so at this point of retiring from an outstanding career as an educator, he can understand the fulfillment heard in the words of Scripture and exclaim with confidence, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith”; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Pat Earle has devoted to the field of education and to the young people of our great State, and the members wish 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 Walter Patrick “Pat” Earle, educator and advisor for agriculture education at McBee High School, upon the occasion of his retirement after spending a career in exemplary service educating the youth of the Palmetto State, 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 Walter Patrick “Pat” Earle.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑