**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE JOSEPH DERHAM COLE, 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 J. Derham Cole, Jr., will depart from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, born in Columbia on March 12, 1977, to J. Derham Cole, Sr., and Candace Carlson Cole, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Carolina in 1999, graduating cum laude. He further went on to earn a Master of International Business Studies and a juris doctorate in 2003; and

Whereas, he married his treasured wife Suzanne Boulware on January 5, 2008, and together they have two wonderful children, Joseph Derham Cole III and Susannah; and

Whereas, Mr. Cole is an active member of First Presbyterian Church, the South Carolina Bar Association, the Spartanburg County Bar Association, and the Rotary Club of Spartanburg. He further serves on the Board of Trustees for the Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg; and

Whereas, deeply involved in his community, he served as 7th Circuit Representative for the South Carolina Bar Association Young Lawyers Division from 2007 through 2009; and

Whereas, he has faithfully served the citizens of District 32 in the House of Representatives since 2009, during which time he has served on the Ways and Means Committee; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the keen and dedicated service that Mr. Cole, 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 HonorableJoseph Derham Cole, 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 J. Derham Cole, Jr.

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