**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE TODD K. ATWATER ON HIS MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE PAST EIGHT YEARS AND TO WISH HIM CONTENTMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for eight years, the Honorable Todd K. Atwater with faithful integrity has represented the citizens of Lexington County’s District 87 in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, born in Greenville, Todd Atwater earned his bachelor’s degree at Wofford College in 1988 and his juris doctor at the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1991. The very next year, he wed the former Elizabeth Hubbard, and the Atwaters are now the proud parents of two children, Caroline and Jim; and

Whereas, a licensed attorney who has practiced for more than twenty‑six years in corporate law, management and contracting, insurance, and labor law, Representative Atwater is an owner/partner with Folger Atwater and Samples, an insurance agency. Before the formation of this company, he served as CEO of the South Carolina Medical Association and its subsidiaries; president and CEO of Financial Services, a full‑service agency; and president and CEO of Members Insurance Trust, a $40 million health company. In the early days of his career, he served as chief counsel to Senator Strom Thurmond for the United States Senate Labor and Human Relations Committee (1992‑1994) and as legislative director for then South Carolina Governor David M. Beasley (1997‑1999); and

Whereas, during his time of service in the House of Representatives, Todd Atwater has proven his worth as a member of the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, Insurance and Regulatory subcommittees, and Rules Committee; and

Whereas, Representative Atwater believes strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community, as well as the broader community of South Carolina and beyond, in several capacities. Todd serves on the board of directors for the Courage Center, a center for young adults and families in addiction recovery. He also has served on a variety of other boards, including the Palmetto Family Council, South Carolina Business and Industry Political Education Committee, and the national boards of the Physician’s Advocacy Institute and Physicians Foundation for Health Systems Excellence. As a man of faith, he is an active member and former deacon at First Presbyterian Church of Columbia; and

Whereas, in recognition of his spirit of excellence and dedicated service to the people of South Carolina, Todd Atwater has been granted the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian award given by the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, understanding that Todd Atwater plans to retire as a House member at the end of his present term of office, his colleagues in the House of Representatives wish to thank him for his strong dedication to the people of District 87 and extend sincere good wishes for all the best life has to offer in the coming years. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate and commend the Honorable Todd K. Atwater on his meritorious service in the South Carolina House of Representatives over the past eight years and wish him contentment and success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Todd K. Atwater.

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