**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE JOSEPH A. “JOE” MCEACHERN FOR HIS COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 77 IN RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO WISH HIM FULFILLMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Whereas, for ten years, the Honorable Joseph A. “Joe” McEachern has represented the citizens of House District 77 in Richland County with faithfulness in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, a Columbia real estate broker, this Dillon native attended Furman University and Columbia International University, majoring in political science and Christian education, respectively; and

Whereas, during his years in the House of Representatives, Joe McEachern has used his experience for the benefit of his constituents and other citizens of our State as a member of the Judiciary Committee. Further, he is a former member of the House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs Committee, as well as of the House Invitations Committee; and

Whereas, in relation to his work at the State House, Joe was appointed to the state’s Workforce Review Committee. Prior to his service as a member of the South Carolina House, he served on Richland County Council from 1997 to 2008 (chairman, 2007‑2008); and

Whereas, Representative McEachern firmly believes in active participation in the community, and his convictions have led him to serve his community and beyond in various ways. These include service as a member of the Regional Transportation Authority and South Carolina Association of Counties Legislative Committee. He is also a former Richland County deputy sheriff and former member of the board of directors for the Central Midlands Council of Governments and the South Carolina Central Carolina Economic Alliance; and

Whereas, as a man of faith, Joe serves as director of Christian education at Ridgewood Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Joe McEachern, proud husband of the former Penny Smith, finds strength for his labors in her strong support. The McEacherns have two fine sons, Joseph II and Aaron; and

Whereas, on the occasion of his departure from the House of Representatives, his House colleagues, grateful for Joe McEachern’s committed service to this body and the people of District 77, extend warmest best wishes for much contentment and satisfaction in this new phase of his life. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Joseph A. “Joe” McEachern for his committed service to the South Carolina House of Representatives and the citizens of District 77 in Richland County and wish him fulfillment and success in all his future endeavors upon his departure from the House of Representatives.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Joseph A. “Joe” McEachern.

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