**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SHUMPERT’S IGA FOR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVING THE PELION COMMUNITY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE OWNERS, MANAGERS, AND EMPLOYEES AS THEY CONTINUE THIS NOTEWORTHY LEGACY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Shumpert’s IGA in Pelion is celebrating one hundred twenty-five years in business, having been in operation in southern Lexington County since before the turn of the last century; and

Whereas, for the Shumpert family of Pelion, service to their community and their customers is a long family tradition that’s expected to continue; and

Whereas, Daniel Frank Shumpert, III, known as Mr. Frank, runs the day-to-day operations of the IGA. Growing up, Shumpert worked long hours in the family business to make it successful; and

Whereas, Shumpert’s son, Daniel Frank Shumpert, IV, is the fourth generation of Shumpert to hold a management role at the IGA, and both of Shumpert’s daughters, Melissa Shumpert and Katherine Shumpert Sturkie, run or work in departments in the IGA. The youngest of the current generation of Shumperts, Phillip, is a student at the University of South Carolina, where he is studying to be a pharmacist; and

Whereas, Shumpert’s IGA is a destination store, boasting a fresh, local produce section supplied by Jackson Brother’s Farms of Pelion; Hispanic foods and items that cater to the area’s large, agricultural, migrant population; Papparoni’s Pizza; a high quality meats section with a butcher on duty; a canned goods section that caters to the cook preparing for a large family or even the owners of a small eatery; and a frozen foods section with S.W. Shumpert’s premium ice creams made in the Fairview area of the county; and

Whereas, in 2011, Shumpert’s IGA was named the IGA International Retailer of the Year, recognizing the store as the top IGA store around the globe; and

Whereas, the store’s employees are also like family, dedicated and proud to do their part in serving the community of the Pelion and southern Lexington County area. Many of these employees have worked there for many years, like Stephen Simmons, Ray Spires, Michelle Ross, Doug Kaminer, and Shelton Yonce; and

Whereas, Shumpert and his family continue to serve their community in many different ways. Shumperts throughout the generations have held political offices in Pelion and Lexington County. Shumpert himself has always championed the cause of education, serving on the school board of Lexington District One. His son Daniel holds a seat on Pelion’s town council. Shumpert also has real estate holdings in and around Pelion and is expanding into the farm-to-table produce movement; and

Whereas, the Shumperts aspire to work a little harder, keep their store a little cleaner, sell produce that’s a little fresher, and make their store the kindest and friendliest place around; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate values the enduring, dynamic nature of Shumpert’s IGA in Pelion as it continues to grow and meet the needs of the community, and the members celebrate the significant benchmark of one hundred twenty-five years of faithful and outstanding service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Shumpert’s IGA for one hundred twenty-five years of serving the Pelion community and congratulate the owners, managers, and employees as they continue this noteworthy legacy.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Daniel Frank Shumpert, III.

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