**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE HENRY T. HOPKINS FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to recognize Henry T. Hopkins for his many years of service as a leader in his community and the State; and

Whereas, Henry Hopkins was born in Hopkins, South Carolina on July 2, 1932. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1950, from the US Air Force War College in Birmingham, Alabama in 1951, and from the US Air Force Supply Tech School in Denver, Colorado in 1952. He also attended Allen University as a political science major; and

Whereas, a veteran of the US Air Force, Mr. Hopkins served as Airman First Class with the 73rd Air Depot Wing in France from 1952 to 1954; and

Whereas, Mr. Hopkins had a thirty-five year career as a letter carrier for the US Postal Service. Following his retirement, he served as a legislative aide for the South Carolina General Assembly; and

Whereas, an active member of his community, he has served on and led a number of boards, including the Eau Claire Redevelopment Board, the Columbia-Sumter Empowerment Zone Board, the Booker T. Washington High School Foundation Board, and the Eau Claire Community Council. He has also served with several community organizations, including the Public Policy 2000 Collaborative of the SC Association of Community Development Corporations, the Columbia Area Mental Health Board, the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees, the National Association of Letter Carriers, the SC Baptist Youth Organization, the Lincoln Park-Colonial Heights-Latimer Manor Community Council, the SC Children’s Foster Care Review Board, the Benedict College Minority Male Community Coalition, the Lorick Park Youth League, City of Columbia Basketball, the Ensor House-Lorick Park Planning Commission, and the March of Dimes; and

Whereas, Mr. Hopkins has received many awards and honors, including the Order of the Silver Crescent, Outstanding Neighborhood Achievement by the City of Columbia, the Outstanding Crime Fighter Award by the Community Care Crime Prevention Advisory Council, the Dedicated Service Award by the National Association of Letter Carriers, and Outstanding Work with City Youth by the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation. He was also honored with the naming of the Henry Hopkins/Bill Manley Conference Room at the Eau Claire Town Hall; and

Whereas, Mr. Hopkins was married for ten years to the late Doris Clark Hopkins. He has two adult children, Marvin Sumter and Rene Hill, and one grandchild; and

Whereas, Mr. Hopkins is a lifetime member of New Light Beulah Baptist Church in Congaree, South Carolina, where he has served as deacon, church clerk, and Sunday school teacher. In 2017, he was named Deacon Emeritus; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the dedication and commitment that Henry T. Hopkins has shown in serving the State and the people of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, honor and recognize Henry T. Hopkins for his dedicated service and outstanding contributions to the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Henry T. Hopkins.

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