**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THEODORE A. “TED” MATTISON FOR HIS LIFETIME OF EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANDERSON COUNTY.

Whereas, Theodore A. “Ted” Mattison was born on October 22, 1936, in Williamston, South Carolina, to Spurgeon and Addie Royal Madison. Ted grew up in his family home on Cherokee Road in Williamston. He attended Caroline Elementary and Caroline High School in Williamston, graduating in 1954 with honors. After graduation, Ted moved to Salisbury, North Carolina, to attend Livingstone College; and

Whereas, in November 1956, Ted decided to leave Livingstone College and join the United States Air force, a career that allowed him to travel throughout the United States and around the world to the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, Australia, Greenland, Guam, and Japan. Ted served two tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star. In 1976, after serving twenty years in the Air Force, Ted retired as a senior master sergeant (E‑8). After retiring from the Air Force, Ted began working for the Army Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville, Florida, for eight years until moving back to Williamston in 1984; and

Whereas, in 1984, Ted became the owner and operator of Professional Exterminators for the next twenty‑three years until he sold his business in 2008; and

Whereas, in 1985, Ted and a group of Williamston citizens joined together to form the Williamston Action Community Club (WACC), with an organizational mission to develop opportunities through various educational, recreational, and social programs. The WACC purchased the old Caroline school building from School District One to open the Caroline Community Center. Ted has served as the president and director of the Carolina Community Center for eighteen years; and

Whereas, in 1999, Ted earned his Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina; and

Whereas, a dedicated member of New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, Ted has served in many roles, including brotherhood president, trustee, chairman of trustee ministry, Bible study teacher, Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, and chairman of the deacons ministry. He still serves as a deacon and chairman of the Budget Committee, and as president of the deacons fellowship of the Rocky River Baptist Association; and

Whereas, Ted has dedicated his time and service to many organizations and committees in Anderson County to include the Anderson County Human Relations Council, Appalachian Council of Governments and Aging Committee, Economic Development and Placemaking for Envision Williamston, and a six‑year stint as president of the Minority Business Association; and

Whereas, appreciative of his unyielding dedication, passion, commitment, positive impact and betterment of his community and Anderson County, the South Carolina General Assembly hereby recognizes and honors Theodore A. “Ted” Mattison for his lifetime of service and many contributions. We salute your most recent recognition and distinction as the 2019 Upstate Black History Maker. 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 Theodore A. “Ted” Mattison for his lifetime of extraordinary accomplishments and contributions to Anderson County

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Theodore A. “Ted” Mattison.

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