**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 IN CHARLESTON COUNTY FROM A POINT ONE AND ONE-QUARTER MILES EAST OF OLD JACKSONBORO ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 7 “CURTIS B. INABINETT, SR. HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, Curtis Benjamin Inabinett, Sr. was born on July 11, 1931 in Islandton, South Carolina, the oldest of nine children of Cornelious Benjamin and Eula Lee Inabinett. Mr. Inabinett’s father died when he was eleven years old, leaving him to help his mother with the younger children and tend to their farm; and

Whereas, overcoming many difficulties to pursue his education, Mr. Inabinett graduated from South Carolina State College with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. He later received an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Charleston and completed graduate work at South Carolina State University, the Citadel Military College, and Clemson University; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Inabinett served his country with distinction for two years during the Korean War and for six years as an active reservist; and

Whereas, with successful careers in public education and public service, Mr. Inabinett distinguished himself in the field of education as an agricultural teacher at Baptist Hill High School and as the principal for R. D. Schroder Middle School; and

Whereas, as a public official, Mr. Inabinett served as the first African American appointed to the Charleston County Election Commission, a Town Council member and mayor for the Town of Ravenel, a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, and a member of the Charleston County Council; and

Whereas, an active citizen in state and local affairs, Mr. Inabinett has served as a life member of the NAACP; life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; life member of the City‑Wide Club of Clubs in Houston, Texas; founding member and manager of the South Carolina Sea-Island Farmers’ Cooperative; and member of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives Board of Directors; and

Whereas, throughout his career, Mr. Inabinett has received many honors and awards, including the Order of the Palmetto, the state’s highest civilian honor, and “Citizen of the Year” from the Mu Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity of Charleston; and

Whereas, Mr. Inabinett is married to Ethel Joy Inabinett, and together, they have one son, Curtis Inabinett, Jr. In Mr. Inabinett’s free time, he enjoys gardening, fishing, and cheering on South Carolina State University’s football team; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to pay tribute to the accomplishments of this son of South Carolina by naming a portion of road in Charleston County in his honor. 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, request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of United States Highway 17 in Charleston County from a point one and one-quarter miles east of Old Jacksonboro Road to its intersection with South Carolina Highway 7 “Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this location containing this designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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