**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR JAMES HENRY “JIM” MILLS ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE CHAPIN HALL OF FAME.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that James Henry “Jim” Mills will be inducted into the Chapin Hall of Fame on Sunday, January 13, 2019; and

Whereas, for twenty‑five years, Jim Mills served Lexington Richland District Five as director of bands of the Chapin Schools, teaching fifth graders at Chapin Elementary School, sixth through eighth graders at Chapin Middle, and students at Chapin High School. His outstanding tenure at Chapin High School brought state, national, and international recognition to their school system and community. His legacy lives on in the Chapin band programs some twenty years after his retirement; and

Whereas, he was hired to advance a very inexperienced band program. The numbers were small, and the musical training of the students was far below average. Within two years, Mr. Mills took the band to the state marching band championships and placed third among all bands in Class A. The next year, the band won first place. In his fifth year at Chapin, the band won the Outstanding Performance Award for excellence in all aspects of the band program. The level of musicianship at Chapin was elevated to an exemplary level among band programs in South Carolina through his vision and dedication; and

Whereas, in the years following, the band won another state championship, earned numerous superior ratings in concert festivals and competitions, and placed many students in ensembles of distinction such as county, region, and All‑State bands. The tradition of excellence was firmly ingrained in the Chapin band program. The band performed in numerous out‑of‑state festivals, such as Hawaii, as well as abroad in England, France, and Canada. Due to the success of these performances, Mr. Mills was asked to return many times as an expert to adjudicate performances of ensembles from all over the world; and

Whereas, Mr. Mills has been recognized by numerous professional organizations for his commitment and outstanding contributions to music education. Highlights include induction into the South Carolina Band Directors Association Hall of Fame, a National Band Association Citation of Excellence, and the Chapin Sertoma Club Service to Mankind Award. Further, he is listed in *Who*’*s Who Among American Educators* and *Who*’*s Who in America*; and

Whereas, this Chapin resident is the proud husband of Vicki L. Tisdale, and they have a son, Brian, and a daughter, Ashleigh. He and Vicki are members of Chapin Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, Jim Mills’ dedication to the development of the art of music in our young people during a distinguished teaching career and after, as well as his influence and professionalism, have helped make the Chapin community a much better place. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, honor James Henry “Jim” Mills on his induction into the Chapin Hall of Fame.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jim Mills.

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