**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE MICHAEL A. PITTS FOR HIS COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 14 IN GREENWOOD AND LAURENS COUNTIES AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for sixteen years, the Honorable Michael A. Pitts represented the citizens of House District 14 in Greenwood and Laurens counties with faithfulness in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, a native of Laurens and a graduate of Lander University (1985), Mike Pitts retired from the Greenville Police Department; and

Whereas, during his years in the House of Representatives, Mike Pitts used his experience for the benefit of his constituents and other citizens of our State as a member of the Ways and Means Committee and, until recently, as chair of the House Ethics Committee; and

Whereas, prior to his service in the House, Mike Pitts served on Laurens County Council. As a member of that body, he was vice chairman for seven years (1996‑2002); and

Whereas, former Representative Pitts firmly believes in active participation in the community and beyond, and his convictions have led him to become a part of numerous organizations. These include the NASC Executive Council, NRA (life member), North American Hunting Club, Gun Owners of South Carolina, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, and the American Legislative Exchange Council. He is also a former member and former president of the National Assembly of Sportsmen’s Caucuses; and

Whereas, as a patriotic American, he served in the United States Army Reserve from 1981 to 1987, and he is a member of Rabun Creek Baptist Church; and

Whereas, in recognition of his many years of service, he has been granted several honors, including the Fraternal Order of Police Legislator of the Year award, NRA Defender of Freedom award, and South Carolina Association of Regional Councils Legislator of the Year award; and

Whereas, South Carolina House Speaker Jay Lucas offers this high praise of Mike Pitts: “[He] is a man of character and integrity who can be counted on to do the right thing, no matter the circumstances”; and

Whereas, Mike finds strength for his labors in the strong support of his beautiful wife, Susan. Wed for more than forty‑four years, the couple are the proud parents of Nolan, Clifton, and Della and the delighted grandparents of two; and

Whereas, on the occasion of his departure from the House of Representatives, his House colleagues, grateful for Mike Pitts’ committed service to this body and the people of District 14, extend warmest best wishes for much contentment and blessing in this new phase of his life. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Michael A. Pitts for his committed service to the South Carolina House of Representatives and the citizens of District 14 in Greenwood and Laurens counties and wish him success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Michael A. Pitts.

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