**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MARION B. MASON, SENIOR ART EDUCATOR OF LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT; TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS FORTY‑TWO YEARS OF DEDICATED HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING AND SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE MIDLANDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to recognize Marion B. Mason upon the occasion of his retirement; and

Whereas, Mr. Mason was born in Savannah, Georgia in 1948, to United States Navy Commander Thomas C. Mason and Cecile M. Mason. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor in Studio Arts and a concentration in Sculpture, the University of Georgia with a Master of Fine Arts and a concentration in Sculpture, and the University of South Carolina with a Master of Education, specializing in Community and Adult Education; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Navy, Mr. Mason served during the Vietnam War aboard an amphibious assault ship, the USS Inchon. He was honorably discharged as Junior Grade Lieutenant, and he was granted several decorations and awards, including the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon; and

Whereas, with a forty-two-year career in art education teaching over two thousand students, Mr. Mason has served in a number of roles, including as artist‑in‑residence and on‑site coordinator for the former Richland School District One Artistically Talented and Gifted High School Program, member of the design and implementation team of the original Tri‑District Arts Consortium, where he actively taught sculpture for fifteen summers, and teacher at the South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities’ three‑week Honors Program for three summers. In 1982, he was awarded Teacher of the Year at C. A. Johnson High School and named Richland School District One’s Teacher of the Year; and

Whereas, Mr. Mason continues his work as a professional artist, creating significant sculptural works and projects while also conducting art workshops for school, district, community, and state‑wide groups; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the diligence and commitment that Marion B. Mason has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. The members take immense pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement. 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, congratulate Marion B. Mason, Senior Art Educator at Lexington School District One, upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his forty‑two years of dedicated high school teaching and service to the citizens of the Midlands of South Carolina, and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Marion B. Mason.

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