**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION RENAME THE PORTION OF THE NAVIGATIONAL CHANNEL ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON WATERFRONT CONSISTING OF THE CHARLESTON MARITIME CENTER, INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM, AND THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY OF THE ARTHUR RAVENEL, JR. BRIDGE TO “RILEY REACH” IN ORDER TO HONOR THE LEGACY OF MAYOR JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR.

Whereas, Joseph Patrick Riley, Jr., was born January 19, 1943, in Charleston, South Carolina. A 1964 graduate of The Citadel, he went on to earn a juris doctorate from the South Carolina School of Law in 1967. A member of the Democratic Party, he served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1968 to 1974; and

Whereas, one of the longest serving mayors in the United States, Riley served the City of Charleston in that capacity for ten terms from December 15, 1975, to January 11, 2016, totaling forty years; and

Whereas, Mayor Riley’s many accomplishments include negotiating a deal to purchase a nearly six‑acre tract of waterfront property along the Cooper River near the South Carolina Aquarium to allow for public access; in October 1997, the Charleston Maritime Center was completed to bring the community in touch with the city’s rich maritime history; the Charleston Maritime Center was the first of many projects in the city’s long‑range plan to redevelop and revitalize the historic waterfront and provide access to residents and visitors alike; and Mayor Riley was a steadfast supporter and advocate for the pedestrian walkway on the Arthur Ravenel, Jr. Bridge; and

Whereas, Mayor Riley considered the International African American Museum to be his most important project. The museum’s location on the former Gadsden’s Wharf is the site where more than forty percent of all enslaved Africans were brought into this country; and

Whereas, among the mayor’s many affiliations, he served on the selection committee for the Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence; he was on the Board of Selectors for the Jefferson Awards for Public Service; held membership in the Mayors Against Illegal Guns Coalition, was president of the US Conference of Mayors from 1986 to 1987, and is a founder of the Mayors’ Institute on City Design. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration rename the portion of the navigational channel adjacent to the City of Charleston Waterfront consisting of the Charleston Maritime Center, International African American Museum, and the pedestrian walkway of the Arthur Ravenel, Jr. Bridge to “Riley Reach” in order to honor the legacy of Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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