**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WILLIE BACON, SR., OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF EDGEFIELD AND TO THIS GREAT NATION AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, born May 11, 1931, in Edgefield County, Willie Bacon, Sr., attended the local public schools until he left to help work on the farm. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War, returning home to Edgefield to wed Ozzie Shine Bacon in 1955. The two were blessed with fifty‑eight years of marriage and four children; and

Whereas, Mr. Bacon is well known for his dedication to his church and community. He joined Pleasant Grove Baptist Church as a youngster and has sung in various choirs over the years, as singing is his passion. Currently, he is the oldest member of the Edgefield County Mass Choir and a devoted participant in that group; and

Whereas, for more than forty years, he worked for Martin Color‑Fi. Since retirement, he has become known for painting businesses and homes all over the area. Further, this former longtime community youth baseball coach is a member of the local VFW. His hobbies include attending gospel‑quartet singing and visiting the nursing homes and elderly in the community, and he enjoys his children and grandchildren and his fourteen great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to salute Willie Bacon, Sr., who freely uses his talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Willie Bacon, Sr., of Edgefield County for his many years of dedicated service to the people of Edgefield and to this great nation and extend best wishes as he continues to serve in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Willie Bacon, Sr.

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