**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE LEO BONAPARTE OF FLORENCE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Leo Bonaparte of Florence will celebrate his eightieth birthday on October 26, 2019; and

Whereas, born in Darlington, Leo Bonaparte entered this world on October 26, 1939. He graduated from Mayo High School in his hometown and from 1962 to 1966 served as an aircraft mechanic in the U.S. Air Force, from which he received an honorable discharge; and

Whereas, a man of faith, Leo Bonaparte serves the Lord at Bethel AME Church in Darlington, where he is a trustee, a part of the music ministry, including the men’s choir, and a photographer for the church; and

Whereas, Leo strongly believes in active community involvement, and he puts his convictions into action by serving his community in various capacities. He is a member of the Darlington County Economic Development Board, the Florence‑Darlington Technical College Board, Friendship Masonic Lodge #17, United Elk Lodge #1679, Mayo Athletic Hall of Fame, Mayo Block M Club, American Legion Post #210, and Mayo Alumni, all in Darlington; and

Whereas, he finds strength for his labors in the strong support of his family: his wife, Jo‑Ann Bonaparte; his two children and three stepchildren; his grandchild and ten stepgrandchildren; and his five stepgreat‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, the House is proud to honor this son of South Carolina at the celebration of his eightieth birthday, and the members join with his many well‑wishers in congratulating him on reaching this important life milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Leo Bonaparte of Florence on the occasion of his eightieth birthday and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and much happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Leo Bonaparte.

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