**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RUSSELL RAY “BUDDY” BROWNING, JR., OF IRMO, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES WITH SHENANDOAH RESTORATIONS, INC., AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that Buddy Browning will begin a well‑deserved retirement on February 28, 2019; and

Whereas, born in Columbia on December 31, 1931, Buddy enjoyed a loving childhood with his parents, Russell and Callis Browning, and his sisters, Pat Corbin and Betty Jean Miller; and

Whereas, after graduating from Columbia High School in 1950, he served in the proud tradition of the sons of South Carolina in the United States Army. Mr. Browning attended both the University of South Carolina and Clemson University and earned a degree from Southern Technical College in Chamblee, Georgia; and

Whereas, formerly employed with HUD and Allied Chemical, he was the owner of Browning Metal Products from 1968 to 1981; and

Whereas, in 1984, Mr. Browning began working for Shenandoah Studios in Virginia, and in 1998, he and his business partner, Todd Selke, started Shenandoah Restorations, Inc.; and

Whereas, over the past twenty years, they have completed over four hundred projects throughout the Southeastern United States, including such prestigious buildings as state capitols, court houses, museums, colleges, and universities; and

Whereas, Mr. Browning has taken great pride in preserving the integrity and historical prominence of buildings from the past in an environmentally safe manner; and

Whereas, a former member of Jaycees, Sertoma, and the Irmo Planning Commission, he remains a Shriner and a Mason. He is a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Irmo, where he has served on various committees and is a member of the Sojourners Sunday School Class; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife, Shirley Davis, on June 25, 1954, and together they reared four loving daughters: Brenda Maciaszek, Patti Ruff, Dee Dee Shanholtz, and Stacey Eaton. Their daughters blessed them with five adoring grandchildren: Russell Ruff, JoDee Holliman, Daniel Ruff, Troy Maciaszek, and Candice Eaton. They delight in seeing their loving family legacy continued through their eight great‑grandchildren: Cooper, Manning, Davis, and Tanner Ruff; Chase and Brody Maciaszek; and Kynlee and Korbyn Holliman; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is grateful for the years of dedication that Buddy Browning has devoted to the restoration of priceless, historical buildings throughout the Southeast, and the members wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Russell Ray “Buddy” Browning, Jr., of Irmo, upon the occasion of his retirement after twenty years of outstanding service throughout the Southeastern United States with Shenandoah Restorations, Inc., and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Russell Ray “Buddy” Browning, Jr.

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