**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF S‑25‑345 IN HAMPTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 3 TO THE HAMPTON/JASPER COUNTY LINE “DEACON WILLINGHAM COHEN, SR. ROAD” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Whereas, Deacon Willingham Cohen, Sr., has led a life rooted in God, faith, and family. He remains steadfast and immovable in his commitment to God and to First Thankful Filly Branch Baptist Church in Estill, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Deacon Cohen, said to be “a man of few words who leads with wisdom and humility,” served first as deacon, then as chairman of the Deacon’s Board, and now as Chairman Emeritus at First Thankful Filly Branch Baptist Church. In addition to running his logging company, Mr. Cohen was drawn to local politics, becoming the first African‑American county councilman in Hampton since reconstruction. On December 19, 1994, Hampton County Council named Mr. Cohen Council Emeritus; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the General Assembly pause to recognize Mr. Willingham Cohen for his unwavering devotion to his community by naming a road in Hampton County in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the portion of S‑25‑345 in Hampton County from its intersection with South Carolina Highway 3 to the Hampton/Jasper County Line “Deacon Willingham Cohen, Sr. Road” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of highway containing these words.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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