**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RIVERSIDE VILLAGE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CITIZENS AND LEADERS OF NORTH AUGUSTA FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 JOSEPH P. RILEY JR. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that the City of North Augusta will be honored by the Municipal Association of South Carolina at the association’s annual meeting on July 20, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Greenville for winning the 2019 Joseph P. Riley Jr. Achievement Award in Economic Development; and

Whereas, the association’s achievement awards program began in 1987 in order to recognize innovative projects, share those projects with other municipalities, and demonstrate the value of cities and towns. The award, which includes community development and land‑use planning, is named for the former mayor of Charleston who served ten terms beginning in 1975; and

Whereas, projects considered for the award are judged on innovation, efficient use of resources, role in the city’s vision, effective use of partnerships, quantifiable results, and adaptability to other hometowns; and

Whereas, North Augusta received the statewide recognition for its work on the riverfront development of Riverside Village, originally named Project Jackson, which includes Savannah River Plant (SRP) Park, the home of minor league baseball’s Augusta Green Jackets; the Crowne Plaza North Augusta hotel featuring the Salt + Marrow Kitchen restaurant and Jackson’s Bluff rooftop bar and grill; Southbound Smokehouse restaurant; and The Clubhouse and Ironwood apartments; and

Whereas, the first conference hosted at the North Augusta Crowne Plaza in January 2019 was a conference for South Carolina City and County Management Association, part of the vision that the city planners had in mind as they formulated the project; and

Whereas, this year’s award validates the intense work that two mayors, the city administrator, and a number of councilmen and staff contributed toward making the project a reality; and

Whereas, North Augusta is one of nine towns or cities recognized in different categories. The winners will be presented a trophy to keep for one year in addition to a permanent plaque and will be featured in a video that can be posted to their website and social media accounts. They will also be featured in the Municipal Association of South Carolina’s *Uptown* newsletter and posted on its website; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the enterprise and the municipal vision of the leaders of the City of North Augusta, and the members look to hear of the continued success of North Augusta’s Riverside Village in the days to come. 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 the City of North Augusta for the development of Riverside Village and congratulate the citizens and leaders of North Augusta for receiving the 2019 Joseph P. Riley Jr. Achievement Award in Economic Development.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mayor Bob Pettit and City Administrator Todd Glover.

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