**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE STEPHEN MICHAEL CASTON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM SJWD WATER DISTRICT AFTER TWENTY‑EIGHT YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM MANY HAPPY YEARS IN RETIREMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives deem it fitting to pause in their deliberations to honor Stephen “Mike” Caston of Clemson for his almost thirty years of commitment as Chief Executive Officer of the SJWD Water District; and

Whereas, born on December 25, 1955, Mike Caston graduated from Clemson University with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering in 1978; and

Whereas, he went on to earn a master’s degree in public administration in 2004 with a joint degree from Clemson University and the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, he is a registered professional engineer in the states of South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia; and

Whereas, apart from his service to the SJWD Water District, he is a committed public servant. He served on the Pickens County Public Service Commission from 1985 through 1991; is a current member of the Governor’s Drought Response Committee since 2000; works with the Kairos Prison Ministry; and is a devoted member of NewSpring Church; and

Whereas, in his professional career he has served as the chair for the Water Environment Association in the Blue Ridge Foothills district, as well as with the Water Environment Federation; and

Whereas, his career has been marked with honors and awards. Some of these include receiving the Herman F. Weidemen Award in 2004, the George Warren Fuller Award, also in 2004, and the Public Servant of the Year Award in 2008, which was bestowed upon him by Upstate Forever, a South Carolina nonprofit environmental group; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are grateful for the years of service Mike has given to the citizens of South Carolina and wish him much happiness and enjoyment in his well‑deserved retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and recognize Stephen Michael Caston on the occasion of his retirement from SJWD Water District after twenty‑eight years of dedicated service and wish him many happy years in retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Stephen Michael Caston.

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