**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE HONORABLE JAMES FRANCIS “TIP” ROGERS UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS MAGISTRATE JUDGE OF DILLON COUNTY, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE PALMETTO STATE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to recognize the Honorable James Francis “Tip” Rogers upon the occasion of his retirement in June 2019; and

Whereas, the youngest of three children born to Jimmie and Trayce Rogers, the young Tip Rogers came into this world on February 9, 1947. He received his early education from the public schools of Lake View, graduating early and enrolling at the University of South Carolina. Following his freshman year, Tip joined the United States Army where he served his country honorably as an Army Security Officer during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, after his tour of duty, Judge Rogers returned to Lake View and enrolled at Francis Marion University where he obtained his bachelor’s degree; and

Whereas, prior to his career with the judicial system, Judge Rogers worked for the South Carolina Department of Social Services and for the Department of Agriculture; and

Whereas, having grown up on a farm, Judge Rogers enjoyed cultivating and nurturing the land and for many years would plant large gardens and share the fruits of his labor with family and friends; and

Whereas, Judge Rogers was appointed Dillon County Magistrate in 1977, where he has honorably served for forty‑two years; and

Whereas, a man of faith, Judge Rogers is a devoted member of First Baptist Church of Lake View; and

Whereas, he plans to spend many happy hours of retirement fishing with his buddies, hunting, and nurturing his beautiful houseplants, as well as spending time with his faithful labradoodle, Maggie, who challenges him to walk three miles a day; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the diligence and commitment that Judge Rogers has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. The members take immense pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize the Honorable James Francis “Tip” Rogers upon the occasion of his retirement as magistrate judge of Dillon County, commend him for his many years of dedicated public service to the Palmetto State, and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable James Francis “Tip” Rogers.

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