**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE TOWN OF LOWRYS IN CHESTER COUNTY UPON THE OPENING OF ITS FIRST TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the Town of Lowrys in Chester County will open its first town hall in May 2019; and

Whereas, having renovated an existing building to serve as the new Lowrys Town Hall, the citizens of Lowrys will hold a dedication and open house at the inauguration of the facility on May 9; and

Whereas, known for its location in northern Chester County on a high ridge, one especially suitable for growing South Carolina’s fabulous peaches and pumpkins, Lowrys owns the highest elevation between King’s Mountain and the sea; and

Whereas, the town was settled in the 1750s by Scots‑Irish immigrants who established themselves first in Pennsylvania and then moved farther south. In the 1840s, the Carolina and Northwestern Railroad laid tracks through this farming community for its route between Chester and York. At that time, the town was called Lowrysville (later shortened to Lowrys) for the local Parson Lowry. Train passengers knew their location when they passed by his large house with the grand white pillars; and

Whereas, Lowrys, incorporated in 1905, is the home of the historic Lowrys Schoolhouse, built in 1910, which now serves the town as a community center. The town’s two hundred citizens and three churches, led by Mayor Joseph H. Wilson, host the famed horse‑and‑farm‑themed Christmas parade produced by Lowrys on the third Saturday of December every year; and

Whereas, the House takes great pleasure in saluting the Town of Lowrys at the dedication of its new facility and extends best wishes to the town for much success in all its future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Town of Lowrys in Chester County upon the opening of its first town hall on Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mayor Joseph H. Wilson for the Town of Lowrys.

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