**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE ROBERT F. “BOB” CHILDS, FORMER MAYOR OF SURFSIDE BEACH, FOR HIS ALMOST TEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for nearly a decade, the Town of Surfside Beach has enjoyed the benefit of the commitment, experience, and leadership of the Honorable Robert F. “Bob” Childs, former mayor and member of the Surfside Beach Town Council, who recently stepped down from his duties as mayor and council member; and

Whereas, Mr. Childs’ service on town council began in May 2008 and concluded in December 2019. From May 2008 to May 2012 and from May 2014 to May 2016, Bob Childs was a member of council, being duly elected to the office of mayor in the middle of his 2014‑2016 term. From May 2016 to December 2019, he continued his service as mayor, stepping down in December; and

Whereas, during his years of service, he served on several council subcommittees, including the Organizational; Infrastructure; and Planning, Economic Development & Marketing subcommittees. In addition, he served as council liaison to the Surfside Beach Historical Society, Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee, and Parking Committee, all ad hoc committees; and

Whereas, while Bob Childs was a member of the Surfside Beach Town Council, the town continued allowing tents on the beach to encourage and support its reputation as a family beach. (All other beaches in Horry County prohibit tents.) Further, Surfside Beach continued its underground wiring project on Ocean Boulevard, improved the 3rd Avenue South Promenade, purchased historical property at 3rd Avenue and Willow Drive (known as the Ark Plantation site), negotiated with FEMA to garner almost $10 million in funds to rebuild the town’s fishing pier (destroyed in 2016 by Hurricane Matthew), and negotiated with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) to improve the town’s infrastructure along Highway 17 Business during DOT’s ongoing repaving project; and

Whereas, appreciative of the legacy of consistent excellence and dedication Bob Childs has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, most particularly those of Surfside Beach, the House takes great pleasure in wishing him all the best in the days ahead. 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 commend the Honorable Robert F. “Bob” Childs, former mayor of Surfside Beach, for his almost ten years of dedicated service as a member of the Surfside Beach Town Council and wish him much success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Robert F. “Bob” Childs.

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