**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE ACCLAIMED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ARTIST TONY CARR OF AIKEN COUNTY AND TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR HIS GENEROUS GIFT OF ONE OF HIS OWN MAGNIFICENT CREATIONS, A PALMETTO TREE AND CRESCENT MOON MADE OF SOLID COPPER.

Whereas, himself one of the Palmetto State’s chief art treasures, North Augusta native Tony Carr of Aiken County has produced a body of work in copper, wire, glass, ink, stone, photography, and graphic design that makes him one of the most admired American artists of our day; and

Whereas, inspired by his uncle, a jeweler, Tony Carr began producing art while in middle school. His work has been showcased and sold locally, nationally, and internationally for more than twenty years and, when in competition, has been recognized as “best in show” numerous times; and

Whereas, Tony always enjoys working with clients to design and create unique pieces of art, and one of his favorite projects is creating artwork out of copper; and

Whereas, he produces his work for markets in Aiken, Atlanta, Augusta, North Augusta, Columbia, Chattanooga, and Myrtle Beach. One of his productions, a stained‑glass South Carolina state flag, is located at the Municipal Building in North Augusta. A lovely illuminated palmetto tree with crescent moon created by this lifelong North Augusta resident is prominently displayed in the Blatt Building, part of the South Carolina State House complex. In addition, his works of art have been sent across the globe as he has completed pieces for clients in Africa, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Italy, and the Philippines; and

Whereas, highly respected in his field, Tony Carr serves on the board of directors of the North Augusta Artists Guild. He previously served as vice president of the Arts and Cultural Council in North Augusta; and

Whereas, South Carolina is blessed to claim this truly gifted artist as a native son, and the House of Representatives is pleased to honor him publicly for a career that has enriched the lives of so many. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate acclaimed national and international artist Tony Carr of Aiken County and express the appreciation of the South Carolina House of Representatives for his generous gift of one of his own magnificent creations, a palmetto tree and crescent moon made of solid copper.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Tony Carr.

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