**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 85 AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 385 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY “PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY BARACK AND MICHELLE OBAMA INTERCHANGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Whereas, former President and first lady Barack and Michelle Obama fought tirelessly to maintain and enhance American values during their time in the White House; and

Whereas, under President Obama’s leadership, Congress passed the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act to spur economic growth, rescuing America from the Great Recession and cutting the unemployment rate by more than half during his administration; and

Whereas, President Obama kept his promise to provide reasonably priced health care for Americans by signing the Affordable Care Act; and

Whereas, the war in Iraq was ended, the drawdown of troops in Afghanistan started, and the landmark Iran Nuclear Deal all are benchmarks of the Obama Administration; and

Whereas, President Obama signed the Dodd‑Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to avert another financial crisis, the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, making it a federal crime to assault a person based on sexual or gender identification, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to combat pay discrimination against women; and

Whereas, “for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples”, President Obama was awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize; and

Whereas, Barack Obama found strength for the accomplishments of his duties in the strong support of his family, former first lady Michelle Obama, and his daughters, Malia and Sasha; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly feel it is fitting and proper to honor former President and first lady Barack and Michelle Obama for the grace and dignity they brought to the White House, for his strong leadership on the domestic front, and his willingness to support and maintain strong ties with America’s allies on the international front. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, request the Department of Transportation name the interchange located at the intersection of Interstate Highway 85 and Interstate Highway 385 in Greenville County “President and First Lady Barack and Michelle Obama Interchange” and erect appropriate signs or markers at this location containing these words.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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