**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GORDON OWENS SHUFORD, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS THIRTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS NATIVE STATE, AND TO OFFER WISHES FOR A RETIREMENT AS SATISFYING AND REWARDING TO HIM AS HIS SERVICE HAS BEEN TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, born in Summerville, Gordon Shuford graduated from Summerville High School where he ran cross country for the 1979 class AAAA Lower State Championship Green Wave team; and

Whereas, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the College of Charleston in 1986 and a Master of Arts in Economics from Clemson University in 1987; and

Whereas, Mr. Shuford began his professional career as an economist in Washington, D. C., working for the Bureau of Economics at the Federal Trade Commission and Capital Economics; and

Whereas, he returned to South Carolina in 1990 and served as an economist with the South Carolina Tax Commission and its successor agency, the South Carolina Department of Revenue, and as an instructor in economics at Midlands Technical College; and

Whereas, Mr. Shuford then lent his talents to the South Carolina House of Representatives as the higher education budget analyst and as director of legislative policy analysis for the Ways and Means Committee; and

Whereas, he completed his career by serving as an economist for the South Carolina Board of Economic Advisors and then as program manager of the Economic Research section of the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, overseeing fiscal impacts for the agency; and

Whereas, over the course of his career, Mr. Shuford provided expertise in tax analysis to the State, helping to shape the landscape of tax policy by analyzing a myriad of tax proposals, many of which later became law, including two of the most extensive property tax relief measures passed in the last thirty years; and

Whereas, he concluded his career by lending his knowledge and understanding of state finances to train a new staff of upcoming fiscal analysts who are immensely grateful for the wisdom and guidance he shared; and

Whereas, Mr. Shuford’s career of conducting economic research and analysis and developing fiscal impact statements regarding state and local tax issues, retirement issues, and public education proposals concluded on December 31, 2019, with thirty years of service; and

Whereas, he now enjoys time at home with his wife, Susan Stanley Shuford, and dog, Annie, watching Clemson sports while wearing tiger apparel in his beloved school colors of orange and white, or on the golf course working on his handicap; and

Whereas, retirement will afford Gordon more time to travel between Columbia and Greenville to visit his son, Stephen, and daughter‑in‑law, Mary, and the two granddogs; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly deeply appreciate the experience Gordon Shuford has provided and the invaluable contributions he has made to the State. His service has gained the admiration and appreciation of his colleagues in South Carolina and across the country. 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, recognize and honor Gordon Owens Shuford upon the occasion of his retirement, to extend deep appreciation for his thirty years of outstanding service to his native State, and to offer wishes for a retirement as satisfying and rewarding to him as his service has been to the people of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Gordon Owens Shuford.

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