**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE JOSEPH KENDRICK CUNNINGHAM UPON HIS SWEARING IN AS UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN FOR SOUTH CAROLINA’S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND TO WISH HIM THE VERY BEST AS HE UNDERTAKES THIS NEW ROLE SERVING OUR STATE AND NATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that the Honorable Joseph Kendrick Cunningham was sworn in as United States Congressman for South Carolina’s First Congressional District on Thursday, January 3, 2019; and

Whereas, a native of Kuttawa, Kentucky, Congressman Cunningham was the youngest of five boys in his family. He graduated from Lyon County High School, attended the College of Charleston for his first two years of undergraduate studies, and later transferred to Florida Atlantic University, where he studied ocean engineering. He also earned a Juris Doctor from Northern Kentucky University’s Salmon P. Chase College of Law; and

Whereas, prior to serving in the United States House of Representatives, Congressman Cunningham had a career as an ocean engineer with a company in Naples, Florida and as an attorney; and

Whereas, in July 2017, Congressman Cunningham announced his candidacy for South Carolina’s First Congressional District seat. He won the Democratic nomination in June of 2018; and

Whereas, Congressman Cunningham prevailed in a hotly contested general election, becoming the first Democrat to represent the Charleston‑based district since 1981; and

Whereas, as a now active member of the United States House of Representatives, he serves on the Veterans’ Affairs and Natural Resource Committees; and

Whereas, Congressman Cunningham lives in Charleston, South Carolina with his wife, Amanda, and their one‑year-old son, Boone; and

Whereas, it is with great pleasure and respect that the members of the South Carolina Senate publicly applaud Congressman Cunningham’s dedication to the high calling of public service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the Honorable Joseph Kendrick Cunningham upon his swearing in as United States Congressman for South Carolina’s First Congressional District and wish him the very best as he undertakes this new role serving our State and nation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Congressman Joseph Kendrick Cunningham.

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