COMMITTEE REPORT

March 11, 2020

**H. 5239**

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**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (H. 5239) to request the Department of Transportation name the bridge in the Town of Whitmire that crosses the CSX Railroad track along South Carolina Highway 72 “Carol Thomas Memorial Bridge”, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

JIMMY C. BALES for Committee.

**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE IN THE TOWN OF WHITMIRE THAT CROSSES THE CSX RAILROAD TRACK ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 72 “CAROL THOMAS MEMORIAL BRIDGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS BRIDGE CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Whereas, the Honorable Carol Thomas was born in Newberry County on March 13, 1950, and died on January 23, 2018. He was the son of the late Charles Doward and Anne Mae Robertson Thomas; and

Whereas, he had a distinguished career as a public servant that included chief of the Whitmire Fire Department, member of the Newberry County Board of Rural Fire Control, Mayor Pro Tempore of Whitmire, and member of the Whitmire Town Council; and

Whereas, Mr. Thomas also was a successful businessman who worked as market manager of Winn Dixie for thirty‑five years, owned Thomas Grocery and Grill for eleven years, was store manager of Piggly Wiggly of Whitmire for a number of years, and took ownership of the store in 2006; and

Whereas, he was a faithful member of Whitmire Pentecostal Holiness Church; and

Whereas, Mr. Thomas is survived by his wife of thirty‑eight years, Betty Thomas, their two sons and a host of other relatives and friends; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper for a highway facility in the Town of Whitmire be named in memory of this distinguished son of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the bridge in the Town of Whitmire that crosses the CSX Railroad track along South Carolina Highway 72 “Carol Thomas Memorial Bridge” and erect appropriate signs or markers at this bridge containing these words.

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

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