**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND JESSE JACKSON, RENOWNED AND REVERED CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD, AND TO WELCOME HIM HOME TO THE PALMETTO STATE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives take great pleasure in welcoming the illustrious native son Reverend Jesse Jackson as he visits the Palmetto State on Tuesday, February 25, 2020; and

Whereas, born in Greenville, on October 8, 1941, he became involved in the civil rights movement while he was still in college; and

Whereas, Reverend Jackson traveled to Selma, Alabama, to march with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and became a worker in Dr. King’s Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

Whereas, he helped found the Chicago branch of Operation Breadbasket, and he is the founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, an organization whose mission is to protect, defend, and gain civil rights; and

Whereas, in 1991, Reverend Jackson was elected as shadow senator of Washington, D.C., where he advocated for statehood and the Rainbow Agenda to insure critical concerns of minority students, faculty, and staff on university campuses; and

Whereas, in 1997, he was appointed by President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright as “Special Envoy of the President and Secretary of State for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa”; and

Whereas, Reverend Jackson also founded the Wall Street Project which sought to increase minority opportunities in corporate America; and

Whereas, having received more than forty honorary doctorate degrees for his work in human and civil rights and nonviolent social change, Reverend Jackson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2000; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives deeply appreciates the efforts of Jesse Jackson to secure, protect, and defend the civil rights of minorities, and the members heartily welcome him as he visits his home State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Reverend Jesse Jackson, renowned and revered civil rights leader throughout the United States and abroad, and welcome him home to the Palmetto State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Jesse Jackson.

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