**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE WILLIAM G. “BILL” HERBKERSMAN FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 118 IN BEAUFORT AND JASPER COUNTIES AND WITHIN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING HONORED AS THE GREATER BLUFFTON REPUBLICAN CLUB REPUBLICAN OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that Representative Bill Herbkersman will receive the Republican of the Year Award from the Greater Bluffton Republican Club at the Rosehill Clubhouse in Bluffton on March 26, 2019; and

Whereas, born in Bedford, Ohio, on June 30, 1958, he is the son of Kate Herbkersman and the late Donald Herbkersman and attended the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Representative Herbkersman married Mary Margaret Kinzer, now his beloved wife of forty‑three years, and together they reared two fine children, Shelby and Cole; and

Whereas, beyond his duties in the House of Representatives where he has faithfully served since 2003 and currently serves on the Ways and Means Committee, he is an eco‑developer and redeveloper in Bluffton, serving as CEO of Apex Land, as well as CEO of Marina Front Development; and

Whereas, in the aftermath of devastating damage to the Bahamas by Hurricane Dorian, one of the strongest Atlantic hurricanes on record, Representative Herbkersman repeatedly flew his own plane laden with supplies to allay some of the suffering and loss there; and

Whereas, deeply committed to his community, he serves on the Board of Advisors of the South Carolina Bank and Trust and is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Friends of the River, Knights of Columbus, Friends of the Library, and the Bluffton Rotary, where he was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow; and

Whereas, a proud member of the NRA and of the Airplane Owners and Pilots Association, Representative Herbkersman serves on the Government Council on Global Warming and as a trustee of the Forbeck Cancer Foundation; and

Whereas, a member of the Bluffton Republican Club and Beaufort County Republican Club, he will be recognized by the Greater Bluffton Republican Club for his enduring commitment to the Republican Party on the local, state, and national levels; and

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in their deliberations to applaud the recognition given to their friend and colleague, Bill Herbkersman, by his party. 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 commend the Honorable William G. “Bill” Herbkersman for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of the citizens of District 118 in Beaufort and Jasper counties and within the Republican Party and congratulate him upon being honored as the Greater Bluffton Republican Club Republican of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable William G. “Bill” Herbkersman.

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