**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE MCLAIN R. “MAC” TOOLE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 88 IN LEXINGTON COUNTY AND TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO OFFER HIM BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, recognizing the outstanding public service that the Honorable McLain R. “Mac” Toole has rendered to this body, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives sincerely regret that he will retire from his service here; and

Whereas, born in Columbia on March 8, 1946, he is the son of the late Leon Toole and Juanita Williamson Toole and graduated from Airport High School in 1964 where he was president of the student body and was recognized by classmates for several superlatives. He lettered in track, basketball, and football and was named All‑State Football Player. In 2006, Airport High School honored him with The Distinguished Alumni Inductees award; and

Whereas, Representative Toole earned an associate’s degree from Midlands Technical College in computer science with a minor in accounting in 1966, and in March 1966, he began a thirty‑one‑year career with South Carolina Electric and Gas, retiring as director for information technology and accounting in February 1997. Then he became self‑employed in residential and commercial leasing and agriculture/farming of timber, row crops, hay, and cattle; and

Whereas, prior to his service in the House, he served on the Lexington School District Two Board and on the Lexington County Council from District Five. In 2003, Mac Toole began serving as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives for District 88, serving as second vice chairman of the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee since 2009. He formerly served as chairman of the Operations and Maintenance Committee and the Lexington County Legislative Delegation, as well as on numerous subcommittees; and

Whereas, while supporting many important causes and building relationships to further promote the public good, he became a member of the South Carolina Sheriffs’ Association, South Carolina Cattle Association, South Carolina Sportsmen’s Coalition, National Rifle Association (NRA), Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce, South Carolina Citizens for Life, Ducks Unlimited, Abate of Lexington, Lexington Chamber of Commerce, Lexington County Soil Conservation District Association, Lexington County Republican Party, West Metro Republican Women, and Friends of the Environment Foundation; and

Whereas, Mac Toole married his beloved Linda Ann Roland on October 24, 1969, and they recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They also have reared two fine children, Shannan Karlayne Toole Dufault and Christopher McLain Toole. His children blessed him with the affection of four grandchildren: Tyler Roland Dufault, McLain “Lain” Williamson Dufault, Chandler McLain Toole, and Sawyer Drake Toole. The Tooles are members of Trinity Baptist Church in Cayce, where he has served as a deacon and the past director of the Children’s Division; and

Whereas, in all of his service, he has provided the House of Representatives with sound business insight and the wisdom of a man of character. The members will miss the diligent and informed service that Mac Toole, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives and hope that he finds much enjoyment and deep fulfillment in the days ahead. 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 McLain R. “Mac” Toole upon the occasion of his retirement from the South Carolina House of Representatives after eighteen years of dedicated service to the citizens of District 88 in Lexington County and to the State of South Carolina and offer him best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable McLain R. “Mac” Toole.

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