**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE L. KIT SPIRES ON HIS MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE PAST FOURTEEN YEARS AND TO WISH HIM CONTENTMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for fourteen years, the Honorable L. Kit Spires with faithful integrity has represented the citizens of Lexington County, District 96, in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, a pharmacist and pharmacy owner, Kit Spires is the son of Lucoe and the late Cornelia Spires. This native of Columbia now makes his home in Pelion; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, he earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy in 1976; and

Whereas, no stranger to public service, Representative Spires served the Town of Pelion as its mayor pro tempore from 1999 to 2003, and was on Pelion Town Council during this same period. In addition, he served his community as a member of the Lexington Medical Center Board of Trustees from 1987 to 1997, and as president of the Pelion Ruritan Club; and

Whereas, a few years after his service to the Town of Pelion, Kit Spires was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 2006, a seat to which he was reelected six times, and served as a member of the House from 2007 to 2020; and

Whereas, while in the House of Representatives, Kit Spires demonstrated his leadership abilities and commitment to governing as a member of a variety of House committees. Most recently, he served on the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee and the Rules Committee, the latter of which he has been a member since 2008. He previously had served on the Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee for a decade and was a vice chairman of that committee for many years; and

Whereas, an avid rock and roll enthusiast, he has seen Aerosmith over 100 times, and at parties with his colleagues, he is often asked to sing KISS during karaoke, earning him the nickname Dr. Love; and

Whereas, on the occasion of his departure from the House of Representatives, his House colleagues, grateful for Kit Spires’ committed service to this body and the people of District 96, extend warmest best wishes for much fulfillment and happiness in this new phase of his life. 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 L. Kit Spires on his meritorious service in the South Carolina House of Representatives over the past fourteen years and wish him contentment and success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable L. Kit Spires.

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