**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE JIMMY C. BALES, ED.D., FOR HIS COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 80 IN KERSHAW AND RICHLAND COUNTIES AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for twenty‑two years, the Honorable Jimmy C. Bales, Ed.D., represented the citizens of House District 80 in Kershaw and Richland counties with faithfulness in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, a resident of Eastover and son of the late James C. Bales and Ruth Robinette, Jimmy Bales was born in Rose Hill, Virginia. This retired educator, residential home builder, and farmer earned his bachelor’s degree from Columbia College (1960), followed by a master’s degree from East Tennessee State University (1966) and a doctorate in education from the University of South Carolina (1975). From 1955 to 1956, heeding the call of his country, he served in the United States Army; and

Whereas, his career included service as a teacher and as principal of Lower Richland High School. In addition, he was director of career education for Richland School District One and a probation officer for Richland County Family Court. Mr. Bales also served as a trustee for Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital; and

Whereas, during his years in the House of Representatives (1999‑2020), Jimmy Bales used his experience for the benefit of his constituents and other citizens of our State as a member of the Invitations and Memorial Resolutions Committee, which he served as chairman, and the Ways and Means Committee. As part of his legislative labors in the early days of his House service, he served as chairman of the Freshman Caucus. He currently serves as chairman of the Richland County Legislative Delegation. Prior to his election to the House, he served on Richland County Council for a number of years, including two terms as council chairman; and

Whereas, in serving the people of South Carolina, he finds strong support in his lovely wife, Helen (Lynn) Elizabeth Armstrong, and their five children, Richard, Deborah, Kevin, Kris, and Kristen. A gentleman farmer, the only thing he loves as much as his family and constituents is tending to his cows; and

Whereas, on the occasion of his departure from the House of Representatives, his House colleagues, grateful for Jimmy Bales’ dedicated service to this body and the people of District 80, extend sincere best wishes for much happiness in the days to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Jimmy C. Bales, Ed.D., for his committed service to the South Carolina House of Representatives and the citizens of District 80 in Kershaw and Richland counties and wish him success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Jimmy C. Bales, Ed.D.

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