COMMITTEE REPORT

May 8, 2019

**S. 676**

Introduced by Senator M.B. Matthews

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**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (S. 676) to request that the Department of Transportation name Mitchellville Road in Jasper County “Councilman Leroy Sneed Road” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this location containing, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

JIMMY C. BALES for Committee.

**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME MITCHELLVILLE ROAD IN JASPER COUNTY “COUNCILMAN LEROY SNEED ROAD” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to recognize Councilman Leroy Sneed for his significant contributions as an entrepreneur, civil rights activist, and County Councilman in Jasper County; and

Whereas, a native of South Carolina, Councilman Leroy Sneed was born on May 15, 1931, to the late James and Nazarene Sneed. He is an alumnus of Beaufort County Training School and Aiery Trade School, where he earned a Certificate in Barbering; and

Whereas, in the early 1950s, Councilman Sneed moved to the Ridgeland area of Jasper County. In 1954, he opened a barbershop in the community of Mitchellville, and in later years, he opened a second barbershop in the Hilton Head Island area. Today, he continues to work at his original barbershop in Jasper County; and

Whereas, during the Civil Rights Movement, Councilman Sneed was an active advocate for civil and voting rights, working with the NAACP, the Jasper County government, and the Voting Education Project. He played an instrumental role in electing the Honorable Juanita White as the first African-American woman in the South Carolina House of Representatives. Over the years, he has worked with discrimination issues and VISTA; and

Whereas, a prominent leader in Jasper County, Councilman Sneed served as Jasper County Councilman for twelve years and as Chairman of the Citizens Organization for Public Services; and

Whereas, devoted to serving his community, Councilman Sneed is also a member of the Jasper County Rotary and the Low Country Council of Government and is affiliated with the school board. Throughout his career, he has received numerous awards, commendations, and accolades; and

Whereas, an avid athlete, Councilman Sneed played baseball with the Ridgeland Red Sox for five years. He continues to enjoy watching basketball, football, and baseball, and his favorite hobby is playing checkers; and

Whereas, he has been married to his wife, Alice, since January 8, 1959. Together, they have two daughters, Vanessa Watts and Colanthia Brockingham, and three grandchildren, Kyrie, Romain, and Kamar; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to pay tribute to this influential son of South Carolina by naming a road in Jasper County in his honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, request that the Department of Transportation name Mitchellville Road in Jasper County “Councilman Leroy Sneed Road” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of the road containing this designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Councilman Leroy Sneed.

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