**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 512 AND COUNTY ROAD S-45-159 IN WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY “PEARL R. BROWN INTERSECTION” 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 Pearl R. Brown; and

Whereas, a native of Williamsburg County, Pearl R. Brown was born the daughter of Beatrice Robinson and the late James Wallace Robinson. She studied business administration at Denmark Technical College and Francis Marion College and graduated from the South Carolina Association of Counties Institute and Leadership South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mrs. Brown was the first African-American full‑time employee of the Williamsburg County Office of the United States Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, where she worked for fourteen years; and

Whereas, she was also the first African-American county treasurer in the State since Reconstruction and the first African‑American woman to hold a countywide elected office in Williamsburg County. She served as the treasurer of Williamsburg County for six consecutive terms; and

Whereas, a leader in her community, Mrs. Brown has been involved as the political‑action chairperson of her local NAACP unit, chief financial officer for the Bethesda Community Outreach Program, member of the Williamsburg Enterprise Community Commission Steering Committee, president of her high school alumni committee, Williamsburg County chair for the American Heart Association, and member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Good Hope Chapter #269. During her distinguished career, she also introduced former President Bill Clinton on his visit to Kingstree and served as a 1992 delegate to the Democratic National Convention and a member of the 1990 South Carolina Black Caucus Reapportionment Committee; and

Whereas, over the years, Mrs. Brown has received many honors and awards, including Kingstree‑Lake City Delta Tau Zeta Woman of the Year by the South Carolina Voter Education Project and NAACP Citizen of the Year; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, she is a member of Bethesda United Methodist Church in Lake City, where she has served as chairperson of the council on ministries, certified lay speaker, youth coordinator, and president of the United Methodist Women; and

Whereas, Mrs. Brown is married to Joseph Brown, Jr. Together, they have one son and three grandchildren; and

Whereas, it would be only fitting and proper to pay tribute to this daughter of South Carolina by naming a road in Williamsburg County in her 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 the intersection of South Carolina Highway 512 and County Road S-45-159 in Williamsburg County “Pearl R. Brown Intersection” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this location containing the designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Pearl R. Brown.

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