**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF DONALD “DON” WESLEY DROSE, SR., TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS, AND TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE FIRST WATER ON SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 260 MANNING IN CLARENDON COUNTY, CURRENTLY KNOWN AS “THE CAUSEWAY,” “DON DROSE CAUSEWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Donald “Don” Wesley Drose, Sr. on September 6, 2021; and

Whereas, a native of Sumter, Don was born on April 14, 1946 to Joe Oliver Drose, Sr. and Margaret Elizabeth Kolb Drose; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Navy, Don served in the Vietnam War on the USS Enterprise and the USS John F. Kennedy. He was awarded the Presidential Unit Commendation and the Electronic Warfare with OI Division Medals; and

Whereas, a civic leader, Don served with many community organizations, including serving as a member of the American Legion Post 172. He was a member of the legislative group for the Striped Bass Legislation, a member of the Santee Cooper Country Guide Association, the former owner and operator of Joe’s Place, and was most well-known as a legendary fishing guide through his lifelong business, Don’s Guide Service; and

Whereas, a servant in his community, Don was an auxiliary member of the United States Coast Guard. He was a charter member of the Wyboo Fire Department for sixteen years, where he served as chief for ten years and was awarded Firefighter of the Year; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, Don was a long-time member of Santee Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon for fifty years. He was a Sunday school teacher, a devoted member of the choir, and served the church in many other ways over the years; and

Whereas, in his free time, Don enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He spent his mornings reading God’s word and was most at peace on the lake catching fish and enjoying Creation; and

Whereas, Don was preceded in death by his brother, Joe Oliver Drose, Jr.; and

Whereas, Don leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Rachel Ann Blackwell Drose; his children, Donald W. Drose, Jr. (Angel), Amanda Drose Hardee (Jason), and William Joseph Drose (Kayla); his grandchildren, Jordan Drose, William Hardee, and Lily Drose; his brother, Frank Drose, Sr. (Rose); and several nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed; and

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

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, request that the Department of Transportation name the first water on South Carolina Highway 260 Manning in Clarendon County, currently known as “The Causeway,” “Don Drose Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this location containing this designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and presented to the family of Don Drose.

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