**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONING OF A PORTRAIT OF SENATOR HARVEY S. PEELER, JR. OF CHEROKEE TO BE PLACED IN THE SENATE CHAMBER, LONGTIME AND BELOVED SENATOR FROM THE FOURTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, A LOYAL AND COMPASSIONATE PUBLIC SERVANT AND A DISTINGUISHED STATESMAN.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Senator Harvey S. Peeler, Jr. for his many contributions to the people and the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Senator Peeler is the son of the late H. Smith, Sr. and Sally (Bratton) Peeler. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Clemson University in 1970; and

Whereas, Senator Peeler began his life of service in elected office in 1977 when he was elected to the Cherokee County Council; and

Whereas, a civic leader, Senator Peeler was first elected to the South Carolina State Senate in 1980; and

Whereas, Senator Peeler served as Chairman of the Fish, Game and Forestry Committee from 1996 until 2000, Chairman of the Medical Affairs Committee from 2001 until 2019, and Senate Majority Leader from 2005 until 2015; and

Whereas, in 2019, Senator Peeler was elected by his peers to serve as the first President of the South Carolina State Senate chosen from among the membership of this august body; and

Whereas, in 2021, Senator Peeler stepped down from the presidency to assume the role of Chairman of the Finance Committee; and

Whereas, the Senator from Cherokee continues to offer leadership in his fifth decade of service to the citizens of Senate District #14 and to the citizens of the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, Senator Peeler is a member of Gaffney First Baptist Church. He is also a Mason, a Shriner, a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association, a member of the American Legion, and a veteran of the United States Army; and

Whereas, Senator Peeler married Ila LaDonna Caudill in 1969, and together, they have three children, Brantlee Rene, Harvey Smith III, and Boone Solomon; and seven grandchildren; and

Whereas, the many contributions of Senator Peeler to the well‑being of the citizens of the State are numerous and deserving of permanent recognition in a place of honor in the Senate Chamber where he serves with such great distinction. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate authorizes the commissioning of a portrait of Senator Harvey S. Peeler, Jr. of Cherokee County to be hung in the Senate Chamber as a tribute to the ongoing work of this great South Carolinian and distinguished statesman. The portrait shall be paid for with private funding.

Be it further resolved that a Portrait Committee of seven members of the Senate be appointed by the President of the Senate. The senior member of the committee shall serve as its chairman. The committee shall handle the arrangements and details of the hanging of a portrait including, but not limited to, the location for the portrait and an appropriate ceremony to commemorate the unveiling and dedication of the portrait.

Be it further resolved that the Clerk of the Senate shall provide such assistance and services as the committee shall direct.

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