**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 IN THE CITY OF CHESTER IN CHESTER COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HUDSON STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH CEMETERY STREET “CHRISTOPHER KING, SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Whereas, the Honorable Christopher King, Sr., former Mayor of Chester, was born on February 4, 1936, in Chester County and died September 1, 1997. He was the son of the late William Robert King, Sr., and the late Ellen Nelson King; and

Whereas, a 1954 graduate of Finley High School, Mayor King continued his education at Atlanta Mortuary College and was a 1959 graduate of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. King joined Carmel Presbyterian Church before becoming a member of Calvary Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon; and

Whereas, a licensed mortician, for over forty years he was the owner and operator of King’s Funeral Home of Chester with his wife, Margie Buckson King and their children, Christopher King II, the Honorable William Robert King II, Dr. Nelson Maurice King, the Honorable Robbie King‑Boyd, Pansy King‑Reid, Margie King‑Delk, Marty “Capp” King, and State Representative John Richard C. King; and

Whereas, he was the first Black mayor of Chester and played a key role in the case that culminated with the United States Supreme Court’s decision that established single member districts for Chester County; and

Whereas, Mayor King was a member of Acacia Masonic Lodge No. 32, a charter member of the Chester Optimist Club, past chairman of the Chester Metropolitan Sewer District, member of Carolina Community Actions, the NAACP, the Selective Service Board, the Small Business Administration, the Chester County Chamber of Commerce and the South Carolina Morticians Association; and

Whereas, he is survived by his wife, four sons, three daughters and a host of other relatives; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to forever recognize the legacy of this outstanding son of South Carolina by naming a portion of highway in the City of Chester in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the portion of South Carolina Highway 9 in the City of Chester in Chester County from its intersection with Hudson Street to its intersection with Cemetery Street “Christopher King, Sr. Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of highway containing these words.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Department of Transportation.

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