**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR EARL E. MCLEOD, JR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL SOUTH CAROLINA, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Earl E. McLeod, Jr., executive director for the Building Industry Association of Central South Carolina, will begin a well‑deserved retirement at the end of June 2021 after thirty‑eight years of distinguished service; and

Whereas, since 1983, Earl McLeod has served as executive director for the Building Industry Association of Central South Carolina. He was formerly the district administrator and campaign manager for Congressman John L. Napier of South Carolina, as well as a national sales manager for Aluminum Ladder Company; and

Whereas, in 1993, Earl led the establishment of the Building Industry Charitable Foundation, which assists individuals, programs, and organizations in need. The foundation highlights the commitment and generosity of the building industry to a better quality of life for all residents of the Midlands of South Carolina. The foundation has supported Camp Cole; the St. Bernard Project; United Way of Sumter, Clarendon, and Lee Counties; Home Works of South Carolina; St. Lawrence Place; Salkehatchie Summer Service (a summer youth camp); Midlands Blue Star Mothers; the Ray Tanner Foundation; Be Pro Be Proud SC; and scholarships for those looking to continue their education; and

Whereas, Earl was inducted into the South Carolina Housing Hall of Fame in 2001 for his work as an advocate for affordable housing. He has served on the Central Midlands Regional Planning Council’s board, the Lexington County Planning Commission, and the City of Columbia’s Affordable Housing Task Force. In addition, he has been a member of the Home Builders Institute Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, Earl and his wife, Judi, live in Lexington, and they have two children and five grandchildren. Over the past forty years, Earl’s family has driven his work to ensure that every family can call a place home; and

Whereas, Earl McLeod is now entering his next chapter of service. As he plans to retire as executive director for the Building Industry Association of Central South Carolina at the end of June 2021, he will concentrate even further on his family and on making the Midlands and South Carolina as a whole a better place for the families who work, play, and live in our State; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is grateful for the legacy of professionalism and integrity that Earl McLeod has bestowed on this great State and appreciates his long and enduring service to the people of South Carolina. Taking great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement, the members trust he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate and honor Earl E. McLeod, Jr., executive director for the Building Industry Association of Central South Carolina, upon the occasion of his retirement and wish him continued success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Earl E. McLeod, Jr.

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