**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO DUKE ENERGY FOR ITS LONG HISTORY OF VITAL AND TRANSFORMATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCONEE COUNTY.

Whereas, Duke Energy has engaged in safe and innovative operations for decades in Oconee County; and

Whereas, Oconee County is home to Lake Jocassee, Lake Keowee, and several vital Duke Energy generation assets, such as the Bad Creek Pumped‑Storage Generating Station and Oconee Nuclear Station; and

Whereas, Oconee County is also home to the oldest nuclear energy education center in the nation, Duke Energy World of Energy, which has hosted more than three million visitors since its opening in 1969; and

Whereas, Duke Energy has proven to be a good neighbor in Oconee County as its responsible operations and stewardship of the lakes have helped the county develop a reputation as a premier location for outdoor recreation and tourism in the Southeastern United States; and

Whereas, Duke Energy’s cooperative approach to sustainable utilization of our natural resources has led various publications to recognize the unique and serene beauty of Oconee County. A prime example of such publications is *National Geographic*, which designated the Jocassee Gorges as among “50 of the World’s Last Great Places”; and

Whereas, Duke Energy is committed to transitioning to a cleaner energy future, undergirded by the robust and reliable nuclear and hydropower generation in Oconee County; and

Whereas, Duke Energy has been a critical economic development partner for Oconee County for decades by offering affordable power that has helped to attract jobs and associated development; and

Whereas, Duke Energy has a significant Oconee County workforce of dedicated employees who are our friends, neighbors, and family members; and

Whereas, Oconee County is excited to continue partnering with Duke Energy in the decades ahead to meet the evolving energy challenges of the county, the Upstate, the State of South Carolina, and the entire region while preserving the natural beauty, economic opportunities, and livability that make Oconee County the Golden Corner of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express appreciation to Duke Energy for its long history of vital and transformative contributions to Oconee County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Duke Energy.

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