**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE RICHARD VAUGHAN ON THE COMPLETION OF FIVE YEARS AS A DEDICATED VAN WYCK TOWN COUNCILMAN, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, since 2017, the Town of Van Wyck has enjoyed the benefit of the commitment, experience, and leadership of the Honorable Richard Vaughan, member of Van Wyck Town Council, who, having decided to retire, will step down from his duties as a councilman on January 6, 2022, the end of his current term; and

Whereas, Richard grew up in Van Wyck. He moved away for a time, but his home called him back in 1987. After returning to Van Wyck, Richard became very involved in the community. He pulled citizens together by organizing downtown cleanups and renovating the community center, tasks that had been neglected for many years; and

Whereas, for the fifteen years of its existence, Richard chaired the Spring Festival Committee and for more than six years served as president of the Van Wyck Community Development Club. Under his leadership, funds were raised to renovate Van Wyck’s original Seaboard Airline Railway, and it was moved to the community grounds and repaired. It now finds new life as the Little Free Library #45447. Further, along with help from other men in the community, he built the Van Wyck Express children’s train. Richard is the man to call if something goes wrong or breaks at the community building; and

Whereas, when the town determined to undergo incorporation, he was instrumental in bringing it to pass by driving from house to house to explain the need for incorporation and rallying residents to the cause; and

Whereas, Richard was named Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year for his extensive work for the community; and

Whereas, as a man of faith, he long has been very active at Van Wyck Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder and chair of the Building and Grounds Committee; and

Whereas, Richard finds strength for his labors in the firm support of his lovely wife, Linda. They are a team, and what one does, both do; and

Whereas, appreciative of the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Richard Vaughan has bestowed on this great State, particularly the Town of Van Wyck, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in wishing him well at his departure from town council. He carries with him the gratitude and good wishes of all his colleagues and constituents. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate the Honorable Richard Vaughan at the completion of five years as a dedicated Van Wyck town councilman, thank him for his distinguished service, and extend best wishes in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Richard Vaughan.

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