**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LEGENDS OF CAROLINA MARTIAL ARTS, THE ORGANIZATION’S INDUCTEES, ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND BRIAN AND ALLISON PENA FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE DEDICATION, HARD WORK, AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF MARTIAL ARTS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to recognize Legends of Carolina Martial Arts; and

Whereas, Brian and Allison Pena founded Legends of Carolina Martial Arts, a nonprofit venture, in 2016, drawing on Brian’s desire to “pay it forward” after his successful career in martial arts of thirty‑five years; and

Whereas, each year, Legends of Carolina Martial Arts honors a small group of black belts from the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s who have positively impacted martial arts in the Carolinas by paving the way for others to grow through their practice; and

Whereas, the Class of 2020 honorees are Lola Banks, Ernie Cates, Tara Day, Danny Glover, Neil Godfrey, Frank Hargrove, Carlos Howard, Rick Lee, Ron McNair, Bill Osterholt, Troy Price, Wilson Rhyne, Gary Shull, and Roger Smith; and

Whereas, the Class of 2019 honorees were Lee Farmer, Stokes Hairston, Al Karst, Donald McCluney, Regina Mitchell, Joey Shiflett, JuLayne Shiflett, Johnny Stinson, John Stover, Lamar Sanders, and Greg Suther; and

Whereas, the Class of 2018 honorees were Dave Adams, Jay Bell, Aaron Blackwell, Ron Cherry, Albert Church, Vic Coffin, Larry Hodges, Mitch Kobylanski, Brian Lee, Gene Lewis, Charles Lingerfelt, Jim Logue, Joe Martin, Joe McClellan, Victor Moore, Doug Perry, Brian Plempel, Billee Purvis, Donald Roberts, Tommy Seigler, Rick Sparks, Ray Thompson, Keith Vitali, Freddie Williams, Layman Williamson, Tony Young, and Tammy Zimmerman; and

Whereas, the inaugural class, the Class of 2017 honorees included Ridgely Abele, Ronnie Barkoot, Gary Basinger, Larry Bullard, Charles Burris, Sam Chapman, Carl Clary, Bill Daniels, Garry Dillingham, Chuck Elias, Eric Hensley, Mike Hess, Johnny Holbrook, Larry Isaac, Jerome Johnson, Virgil Kimmey, Marty Knight, Nicki Lee, Joe Lewis, Danny McCall, Lawrence McSwain, Germon Miller, Maurice Moore, Jerry Piddington, Randy Smith, Ricky Smith, Ricky Taylor, Bobby Tucker, Ernest White, James White, and Nathaniel White; and

Whereas, Legends of Carolina Martial Arts currently flourishes under the leadership of its board of directors, composed of Sam Chapman, Jerome Johnson, Marty Knight, Danny McCall, Brian Pena, and Ricky Smith; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly appreciate the dedication of Legends of Carolina Martial Arts in honoring incredible men and women in the field of martial arts. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Legends of Carolina Martial Arts, the organization’s inductees, its board of directors, and Brian and Allison Pena for their incredible dedication, hard work, and achievements in the field of martial arts.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Legends of Carolina Martial Arts.

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