**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 521 FROM ANDREW JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL IN LANCASTER COUNTY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 601 “REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY NEAL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Whereas, the Honorable James Melvin “Jimmy” Neal of Kershaw was born in Lancaster on April 30, 1943, and departed his earthly life on August 26, 2020. He was the son of the late James Melvin Neal and Annie Mae Horton Neal Smith, and the stepson of the late William Bryant Smith: and

Whereas, Mr. Neal received his undergraduate degree from Clemson University in 1965 and earned a master’s degree in education from Winthrop College in 1978; and

Whereas, he served as a teacher, coach, and principal in the Lancaster County School District for more than thirty years; and

Whereas, for fourteen years our former colleague served Lancaster County House District 44 with distinction as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives; and

Whereas, he also was a board member of the Catawba Regional Council of Governments and the Lancaster Water and Sewer District. He was inducted into the Lancaster County Education Hall of Fame in 2006; and

Whereas, in 1968 he married Harriett Hawkins, who preceded him in death. He leaves to cherish his memories two sons, five grandchildren, and a great‑granddaughter; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to pay tribute to Jimmy Neal’s memory by naming a portion of United States Highway 521 in Lancaster County 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 United States Highway 521 from Andrew Jackson High School in Lancaster County to its intersection with United States Highway 601 “Representative Jimmy Neal Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this highway containing these words.

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

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