**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STEVEN ROBERT “STEVE” DAVIDSON FOR MORE THAN A DECADE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO BID HIM FAREWELL AS HE DEPARTS OUR HALLS, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, Steve Davidson earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration magna cum laude from the Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina with a double major, where he served on the Moore Student Leadership Council and the International Business Advisory Council. He was honored with Darla Moore’s Emerging Leaders Award; and

Whereas, he earned a juris doctorate cum laude from the University of South Carolina School of Law, and he served there as the research editor for the South Carolina *Law Review,* and a member of Phi Delta Phi and on the Budget Allocations Committee. His excellent academic work earned him an endowed scholarship, the CALI Award for Property I, and a place on the Dean’s List; and

Whereas, Mr. Davidson began his career for the General Assembly in 2005 as a page for the Senate Clerk’s office and then as a page for Senator Thomas Alexander; and

Whereas, from 2005 to 2008, Mr. Davidson was a legislative aide and research assistant for the Government Policy and Regulatory Affairs Team with Moore and Van Allen, PLLC, in Charlotte, North Carolina. His duties there included monitoring legislation on site in the South Carolina General Assembly, drafting correspondence regarding legislative proceedings relating to clients’ legislative agendas, and meeting with elected officials and stakeholders across several states to develop grassroots efforts; and

Whereas, he began serving the South Carolina House of Representatives as a law clerk to the Judiciary Committee in 2010. In 2012, he began serving as staff counsel to the Judiciary Committee and chief counsel to the Ethics Committee. Beginning in 2015, he served as the assistant chief counsel to the Judiciary Committee and in 2016, as assistant chief counsel to the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee; and

Whereas, from 2017 to 2021, Mr. Davidson served as the chief counsel to the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee where he oversaw all legislation and provided legal counsel to members on all issues related to the regulation of public utilities, insurance, healthcare, employment, workers’ compensation, energy, economic development, banking, and other business‑related issues; and

Whereas, Mr. Davidson supervised an office comprised of assistant counsel, executive secretary, three law clerks, research assistants, externs, interns, and student pages. He served as counsel to the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee, Joint Oversight on the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper), and Review and Oversight Commission on the South Carolina Ports Authority. He was a screening attorney for the JMSC and the PURC to screen candidates for judicial office and candidates for the Public Service Commission, Santee Cooper Board, and director of the ORS. He was an appointee to several policy committees, including the Energy and Environment Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference and on the Advisory Committee to the ORS EV Stakeholder Initiative; and

Whereas, most notably, he was recognized by Speaker Lucas for his crucial contributions to energy reform in the State following the costly failure of South Carolina Electric and Gas to complete the construction of two new reactor units at the V. C. Summer Nuclear Station in 2017; and

Whereas, Mr. Davidson has published two articles in the *South Carolina Young Lawyer* magazine, given legislative updates at the 2013, 2014, and 2015 South Carolina Bar conventions, been a guest lecturer at the University of South Carolina School of Law legislative process class and the legislative extern program class, and has given continuing legal education (CLE) classes presented by the South Carolina House; and

Whereas, in 2021, Mr. Davidson joined the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP as a partner based in the firm’s Columbia office; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives profoundly appreciates the exceptional service that Steve Davidson has provided to this chamber, and the members wish him deep fulfilment in the years ahead. 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 honor Steven Robert “Steve” Davidson for more than a decade of outstanding service to the House of Representatives, to bid him farewell as he departs our halls, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Steven Robert “Steve” Davidson.

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