**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND SALUTE AFRICAN LEADERS LIKE ENGINEER SIMBI WABOTE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

Whereas, engineer Simbi Wabote is the Executive Secretary of Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB); and

Whereas, in his first four years as the executive secretary, engineer Wabote reinvigorated the operations of the NCDMB and developed the Nigerian Content 10‑Year Roadmap to grow Nigerian Content to 70% by 2027; and

Whereas, he spearheaded the rapid development of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Park in Odukpani, Cross Rivers State, and Emeyal‑1, Bayelsa State and the launch of the 200 million dollar Nigerian Content Intervention Fund (NCI Fund) to provide low cost and accessible credit to service companies; and

Whereas, engineer Wabote also spearheaded the increase of the NCI Fund to 350 million dollars to meet increasing demand for credit by oil and gas companies; and

Whereas, he brought his project management skills into the construction of the board’s new headquarters building complex, leading to the completion and commissioning of the 17‑story office building, 1,000‑seater auditorium, and multi‑level car park in under five years; and

Whereas, under his watch, his organization catalyzed the successful integration of one of the largest Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) in the country at the SHI‑MCI yard in the LADOL Free Trade Zone and facilitated in‑country integration of six modules on the Egina FPSO, the first time in the entire Gulf of Guinea; and

Whereas, he also championed NCDMB’s equity investment in four modular refineries: Waltersmith’s 5,000 barrels per‑day facility, Azikel Petroleum’s 12,000 barrels per‑day Hydroskimming Modular refinery, Atlantic International Refinery’s 2,000 barrels plants, and Duport Midstream’s 2,500 barrels per‑day modular refinery. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and salute African leaders like engineer Simbi Wabote who have contributed to the social, economic, and environmental development in African countries.

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