**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE JERRY N. GOVAN, JR., ON HIS MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER THIRTY YEARS AND TO WISH HIM CONTENTMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, beginning in 1993, for three decades the Honorable Jerry N. Govan, Jr., has faithfully represented the citizens of Orangeburg County, District 95, in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, an Orangeburg resident, Jerry Govan earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at South Carolina State University, followed by further graduate studies at the University of South Carolina. He retired as Orangeburg County attendance supervisor; and

Whereas, prior to taking up his duties as Orangeburg County attendance supervisor, over the years he served in a number of other capacities, including as coordinator of the Pre‑Trial Intervention Program, First Judicial Circuit; director of the Small Business Development Center, South Carolina State University; recruiting officer, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control; and personnel specialist, U.S. Department of the Navy; and

Whereas, during his time of service in the House of Representatives, Jerry Govan has proved his worth as a member of various committees, most recently the Education and Public Works Committee and Operations and Management Committee. A member of the Legislative Black Caucus, he served as its chairman in 2019; and

Whereas, Jerry Govan has been honored as a South Carolina Health Fellows Policy Fellow, South Carolina Education Policy Fellow, and Fleming Policy Fellow, and he is a graduate of Leadership South Carolina and Leadership Orangeburg. In addition, he graduated from Officer Candidate School (USMC); and

Whereas, as a man of faith, Jerry Govan is a member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church and serves as its associate minister; and

Whereas, Jerry finds strong support for his labors in his family: his lovely wife, Wanda, and their children, Shawntara, Jeri Nicole, LaWanda, and Gabrielle; and

Whereas, on the occasion of his departure from the House of Representatives, his House colleagues, grateful for Jerry Govan’s committed service to this body and the people of District 95, extend warmest best wishes for much fulfillment and blessing in this new phase of his life. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Jerry N. Govan, Jr., on his meritorious service in the South Carolina House of Representatives over thirty years and wish him contentment and success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Jerry N. Govan, Jr.

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