**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JULIO ERNESTO ESTRADA LOPEZ, JR., COLOMBIAN PERFORMING ARTIST, PRODUCER, AND ARRANGER, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS SUCCESSFUL CAREER.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that renowned musical artist Julio Ernesto Estrada Lopez, Jr., soon will return to the Palmetto State, having already delivered an outstanding performance in Charleston’s Cinco do Mayo Festival on May 1, 2022; and

Whereas, over the course of the year, Julio will be performing in the Colombian Independence Day pool party on July 17, to be held at the Hotel Indigo in Mount Pleasant; the Colombian Independence Day Festival on July 24, to be held in Greenville; and the Latin American Festival on October 2, to be held in North Charleston; and

Whereas, a talented artist who began his career in music at age 7, Julio has in his blood tropical rhythms like salsa and cumbia. He is the son of the famous Julio Ernesto Estrada, also known as Fruko. In addition to his work as a producer and arranger, Julio has been a member of orchestras such as Sonora Carruseles, La Sonora Dinamita, and Fruko y sus Tesos; and

Whereas, best known as musical director and general manager of the relaunched Latin Brothers, Julio has been awarded by Merit Don Juan Del Corral Order for Relevant Artistic Career of More Than 45 Years, and by Consulate of Colombia in Miami for appreciation for his contribution, talent and leadership with society; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, with admiration, takes great pleasure in celebrating the outstanding career of Julio Ernesto Estrada Lopez, Jr. 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 Julio Ernesto Estrada Lopez, Jr., Colombian performing artist, producer, and arranger, and congratulate him on his successful career.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Julio Ernesto Estrada Lopez, Jr.

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