**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SHUMPERT’S IGA FOR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY‑FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PELION COMMUNITY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE OWNERS, MANAGERS, AND EMPLOYEES AS THEY CONTINUE THIS NOTEWORTHY LEGACY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Shumpert’s IGA in Pelion is celebrating one hundred twenty‑five years in business, having been in operation in southern Lexington County since before the turn of the last century; and

Whereas, Shumpert’s IGA is a destination store, boasting a fresh, local produce section; Hispanic foods and items that cater to the area’s large, agricultural migrant population; Papparoni’s Pizza; a high quality meat section with a butcher on duty; a canned goods section that caters to the cook preparing for a large family or even a small eatery; and a frozen foods section with S. W. Shumpert’s premium ice creams made in the Fairview area of the county; and

Whereas, as the owners of the store, the Shumperts uphold a long family tradition of service to their community and their customers; and

Whereas, Daniel Franklin Shumpert III, known as Mr. Frank, runs the day-to-day operations of the IGA. While growing up, he worked long hours in the family business to make it successful; and

Whereas, Elizabeth “Beth” V. Shumpert, Frank’s wife, handled the business’s payroll for twenty years and designed the interior of the latest and current Shumpert’s IGA; and

Whereas, together, Frank and Beth Shumpert have four children. As the fourth generation of the family business, Katherine Elizabeth Shumpert, Daniel Franklin Shumpert IV, and Melissa Jane Shumpert work hard and with great pride at the IGA. The family’s youngest, Philip Joseph Shumpert, is a student at the University of South Carolina, where he is studying to be a pharmacist; and

Whereas, the store’s employees are a second family, dedicated to and proud of serving the community and area. Many of them have worked with Shumpert’s IGA for decades; and

Whereas, over the years, Shumpert’s IGA and the Shumpert family have earned great recognition for their efforts, and in 2011, Frank Shumpert was named the IGA International Retailer of the Year; and

Whereas, a family dedicated to community service throughout the generations, the Shumperts have also served their community in a number of other ways, including on the town council and school board; and

Whereas, the Shumperts continuously aspire to work a little harder, keep their store a little cleaner, sell produce that’s a little fresher, and make their store the kindest and friendliest place around; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate values the enduring, dynamic nature of Shumpert’s IGA in Pelion as it continues to grow and meet the needs of its community, and the members celebrate the significant benchmark of one hundred twenty‑five years of faithful and outstanding service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Shumpert’s IGA for one hundred twenty‑five years of service to the Pelion community and congratulate the owners, managers, and employees as they continue this noteworthy legacy.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Daniel Franklin Shumpert.

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