**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SC 135 (NORTH A STREET) FROM S‑183 (NE MAIN STREET) TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH S‑221 (FLEETWOOD DRIVE/OLIVE STREET) IN THE TOWN OF EASLEY AND PICKENS COUNTY “PROFESSOR JOHN T. SIMPSON MEMORIAL DRIVE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to recognize John T. Simpson, who was respectfully referred to as Professor Simpson, for his service as a distinguished educator and for his significant impact on Easley’s history; and

Whereas, in 1927, Professor Simpson began his career with the Easley Colored School as principal. The school was founded in 1900 with one hundred seven students in a one‑room schoolhouse, and during Professor Simpson’s tenure, he worked to expand the school to five rooms and add four new teachers; and

Whereas, following Professor Simpson’s death, the school was renamed the Clearview Colored School in 1955. At the time, the Elementary Department was known as the Simpson Elementary School, and until the end of segregation, the school served as the only accredited segregation-era African-American school in Pickens County; and

Whereas, in 1970, the Clearview Colored School was renamed the Simpson Academy in honor of Professor Simpson and continued to serve the community until its closure in 2011; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly recognize the positive impact that John T. Simpson had on his students and community; and

Whereas, it would be only fitting and proper to pay tribute to this son of South Carolina by naming a portion of road in the State in his honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, request that the Department of Transportation name SC 135 (North A Street) from S‑183 (NE Main Street) to its intersection with S‑221 (Fleetwood Drive/Olive Street) in the Town of Easley and Pickens County “Professor John T. Simpson Memorial Drive” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this location containing the designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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