**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TOM MCLEAN, MEMBER OF THE IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Tom McLean for his significant volunteer contributions to the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission; and

Whereas, Tom McLean began his exceptional service on the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission in 2003, serving as chair of the commission from 2006 until 2008; and

Whereas, under his outstanding leadership, the commission completed and adopted a framework that established the commission’s operations and capital improvements over the next ten years, and the commission received unanimous support from Lexington County Council for an $18 million bond issue for park improvement and development; and

Whereas, he led the commission in completing capital improvements and acquisitions that included the Seven Oaks Park Trail and Mini Park improvements, the Saluda River Trail, the Saluda Splash and Playground, the Beverly Brandes Park playground, the Crook Creek Park playground, the purchase of the BC Components property, the Barking Lot Dog Park, and the Wetlands Preserve at Saluda Shoals Park; and

Whereas, Mr. McLean helped the commission to initiate such programs as the Therapeutic Recreation Program that assists people in the community with special needs; the Holiday Lights on the River, a tremendous attraction for the community and its visitors; Pickin’ and Piggin’, a community barbeque event held at Saluda Shoals Park; and the very popular “unearth,” a community arts event based on naturally inspired art; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of dedication that Tom McLean has devoted to the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Tom McLean, member of the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission, upon the occasion of his retirement after ten years of outstanding service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Tom McLean.

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