**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL LEAPHART OF LEXINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BLESSING AND FULFILLMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Leaphart will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 16, 2013, which is also Father’s Day; and

Whereas, Virgil Leaphart graduated from Gilbert High School in 1956, and on Thursday night, August 22, 1957, he first met Marie Frazier at the Twin City Skating Rink in Batesburg; and

Whereas, Marie Frazier graduated from Batesburg‑Leesville High School in 1960 and started working at the Twin City Lumber Company immediately following her graduation. The happy couple became engaged on Saturday night, July 8, 1962, and were married the following year on Father’s Day; and

Whereas, in the month of June when oleanders raise their cheerful blooms skyward, Virgil Leaphart and Marie Frazier pledged to one another a lifetime of love and sharing as they were joined in holy matrimony at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Batesburg; and

Whereas, after fifty‑two years of dedicated service, Mr. Leaphart retired from Mid‑Carolina Electric Cooperative in 2012, and Mrs. Leaphart continues to work at Oswald Wholesale Lumber Company after fifty-three years of loyal service to the Oswald family; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Leaphart are faithful members of Grace Lutheran Church in Gilbert; and

Whereas, together they reared two fine sons, Andy and Ashley. Andy Leaphart graduated from Clemson University in 1991 and has served the South Carolina Department of Transportation as a professional engineer since 1992. Ashley graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1997 and has served Palmetto Health Richland as a Staff Pharmacist since 1998; and

Whereas, no success on earth adorns and authenticates a life as does a marriage that endures the test of time and grows stronger with each passing year; and

Whereas, having learned the veracity of the proverb, “Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord,” Mr. Leaphart now considers one of his crowning achievements as having had the good sense to marry his beloved Marie. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Leaphart of Lexington County on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of blessing and fulfillment.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Leaphart.

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