**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR WALTERBORO CITY COUNCILMAN AND MAYOR PRO TEM CHARLES W. LUCAS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM CITY COUNCIL, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives honor individuals who give of their time and resources for the good of others; and

Whereas, Walterboro City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Charles W. Lucas has contributed eight years of valuable public service to the citizens of the Palmetto State and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, born and raised in Walterboro, Mr. Lucas graduated from Walterboro High School in 1966. In preparation for his career, he earned his bachelor’s degree in professional aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and his master’s degree in special education from Georgia Southern University; and

Whereas, co‑owner and broker‑in‑charge of Walterboro Realty, LLC, Charles Lucas is also a special education teacher at Colleton Middle School. He and his wife of thirty‑five years, Cindy, have two delightful daughters, Heather and Holly; and

Whereas, in addition, this man of faith is currently serving as a member of the St. Jude’s Episcopal Church Board of Vestry and the Live Oak Cemetery Board; and

Whereas, heeding the call of his country, he served twenty‑five years in the U.S. Army, service that included two Vietnam combat tours, two tours in Germany, and a combat tour in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. He retired as a master warrant officer, having been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Meritorious Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and fifty‑four Air Medals; and

Whereas, during his two terms of office as a Walterboro councilman (2005‑2009, 2009‑2013), Charles Lucas has served on the Budget Committee and Joint Railroad Right of Way Committee. He is also a past council representative for the City Appearance Board and past chairman of the Walterboro Planning Commission. His goal on the Walterboro City Council has always been to help guide the growth of the City of Walterboro in a positive direction beneficial to all its citizens; and

Whereas, to recognize Mr. Lucas for his years of service to the City of Walterboro, his colleagues will host a retirement celebration in his honor on June 25, 2013; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Charles Lucas who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Walterboro City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Charles W. Lucas on the occasion of his retirement from City Council, thank him for his many years of outstanding public service to the people of South Carolina, and wish him much success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Charles W. Lucas.

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