**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF WALNUT STREET IN THE CITY OF CHESTER FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SPRING STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH GADSDEN STREET “THE REVEREND JOE H. NEAL WAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, members of the South Carolina General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the death of our esteemed colleague Representative Joseph H. “Joe” Neal of Hopkins at the age of sixty‑six on February 14, 2017; and

Whereas, born on August 31, 1950, he was the son of LaVerne K. Neal and Choatte R. Neal, Sr., and earned a bachelor of arts degree from Benedict College in 1972; and

Whereas, Reverend Neal served the Chester community for thirty years as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. He also served as an elected member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, serving the citizens of District 70 from 1992 until his untimely death; and

Whereas, Reverend Neal exemplified distinguished, dedicated, compassionate, and professional services to his congregation, the City of Chester, and the citizens of our State; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to recognize Reverend Neal’s many accomplishments by having a street in the City of Chester named in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the portion of Walnut Street in the City of Chester from its intersection with Spring Street to its intersection with Gadsden Street “The Reverend Joe H. Neal Way” and erect appropriate markers or signs containing this designation.

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

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