**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE JEFF D. DUNCAN FOR HIS EIGHT YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 15 IN LAURENS AND NEWBERRY COUNTIES, AND TO WISH HIM HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for eight years, the Honorable Jeff D. Duncan has represented the citizens of House District 15 in Laurens and Newberry counties with attention and diligence in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, Jeff Duncan, the son of John T. and Dianne M. Duncan, graduated from Clemson University in 1988, where he played football for legendary Coach Danny Ford. He currently serves as the president and CEO of J. Duncan Associates, a family‑owned real estate marketing firm which specializes in statewide real estate auctions; and

Whereas, Representative Duncan in his legislative capacity has labored on the Agriculture, Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Committee, of which he has served as chairman since 2008, having previously served as second vice chairman. He is also past chairman of the Environmental 1 Subcommittee; and

Whereas, a graduate of Leadership Laurens, Jeff Duncan believes a man should be actively involved in his community and has exemplified that attitude over the years. He has served at various times as a member of the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce Board, Piedmont Wilderness Institute Board, Joanna Lions Club, South Carolina Waterfowl Association Board, Piedmont Technical College Board of Visitors, Clinton Kiwanis Club, Whitmire Goodfellows, Clinton Uptown Development Association Board, and the Clinton Zoning Appeals Board; and

Whereas, in addition, he is currently a board member of the Clinton Economic Development Corporation and serves as a deacon at First Baptist Church of Clinton; and

Whereas, an avid outdoorsman, Jeff Duncan enjoys most all types of hunting and fishing; and

Whereas, he has not gone unappreciated for his work on behalf of those he serves. Among his honors are the 2003 South Carolina Policy Council Palmetto Leadership Award and the 2006 NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award, and he was named South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association Legislator of the Year and 2007 South Carolina Wildlife Federation Legislator of the Year; and

Whereas, recognized for his unwavering fiscal conservation, Jeff Duncan has been touted by Governor Mark Sanford as a “tax payer hero” every year he has been a member of the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, married to the former Melody Ann Hodges for twenty‑one years, Jeff Duncan is the proud father of their three children, Graham, John Philip, and Parker; and

Whereas, committed to the cause of public service, Jeff Duncan aspires to become a Congressman in the United States House of Representatives and has led a spirited campaign to represent the interests and well being of the citizens of this great State in our nation’s Capitol; and

Whereas, Jeff Duncan’s colleagues in the House of Representatives, understanding that he will not return in 2011, wish to express their heartfelt appreciation for his committed service to the people of District 15, as well as their best wishes for a successful Congressional campaign. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Jeff D. Duncan for his eight years of faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of District 15 in Laurens and Newberry counties, and wish him happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Jeff D. Duncan.

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