**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MICHAEL STODDARD MAHON OF LAURENS COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55 BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS TEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for ten years, beginning in 2001, Michael Stoddard Mahon of Laurens County served with distinction as a member of the Laurens County School District 55 Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, as a man committed to learning, Mike Mahon sought to prepare himself for life through his own education. He is a graduate of Hickory Tavern High School, Anderson Junior College, and the University of Georgia; and

Whereas, he began his career in education as a teacher and coach at Ware Shoals High School, serving there from 1973 to 1978; and

Whereas, in 1978, he returned to the Hickory Tavern community to work in the car business started by his father, W.S. “Buck” Mahon, in the 1950s; and

Whereas, a man of faith, Mike Mahon is an active member of Friendship Presbyterian Church, where he has served as Sunday School teacher, deacon, and elder. He is also a former member of the Hickory Tavern Lions Club and the Palmetto Bank Community Board; and

Whereas, in serving as a member of the board of trustees for Laurens County School District 55, he was following in the footsteps of his father, who was a member of the Laurens County Board of Education for several years; and

Whereas, Mike Mahon and his wife, Von, together raised two children, son Bryan Jonathan Mahon and daughter April Mahon Hamby, who have given their parents the joy of five grandchildren; and

Whereas, having decided not to seek re‑election in 2010, Mr. Mahon has now retired from his position on the District 55 board; and

Whereas, grateful for his many years of service to the children, parents, and educators of Laurens County, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in joining the many voices offering commendation to Mike Mahon, retiring board member for Laurens County School District 55. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Michael Stoddard Mahon of Laurens County on the occasion of his retirement from the Laurens County School District 55 Board of Trustees, thank him for his ten years of dedicated service, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Michael Stoddard Mahon.

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