**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE T. EDWARD KYZER, FORMER MAYOR OF NEWBERRY, FOR THE REMARKABLE VISION, LEADERSHIP, AND PROFESSIONALISM THAT CHARACTERIZED HIS TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE AS MAYOR, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION.

Whereas, the Honorable T. Edward Kyzer served as mayor of Newberry from October 1990 to October 2010, a twenty‑year period during which, under Mayor Kyzer’s dedicated, distinguished, and highly effective leadership, Newberry made tremendous advances; and

Whereas, during Mayor Kyzer’s tenure, the city successfully pursued a series of creative community and economic development projects largely funded by contributions and grants, and these visionary efforts have resulted in the rebirth and renaissance of Newberry; and

Whereas, these projects include the renovation of the Newberry Opera House into a first‑class, state‑of‑the‑art performing‑arts center that has received national acclaim in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, and *Southern Living* and has reaped awards from the National League of Historic Theaters, the Governor of South Carolina, and the Municipal Association of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in addition, the city rehabilitated and converted the old Newberry Hospital into the Newberry Senior Housing Apartments, an affordable housing alternative for seniors that has received statewide recognition from the Municipal Association of South Carolina and the South Carolina Community Development Association; and

Whereas, the old Newberry Municipal Fire Station on McKibben Street, transformed into a top‑quality conference center, has received an award of excellence from the South Carolina Community Development Association and an honor award for historic preservation from the Governor; and

Whereas, Newberry deployed an advanced municipal wireless communications system that won the Palmetto Achievement Award for innovation in the field of community development from the South Carolina Department of Commerce; and

Whereas, Mayor Kyzer’s leadership proved instrumental in facilitating numerous new development projects in downtown Newberry, including Westview Behavioral Health Services Center, Newberry City Hall, the Hampton Inn Opera House Hotel, the Newberry County Hal Kohn Memorial Library, and the South Carolina Employment Security Commission’s One‑Stop Center; and

Whereas, Mayor Kyzer was also successful in reestablishing the Newberry County Governmental Association, an amalgamation of officeholders elected within Newberry County and comprised of municipal, county, school board, and legislative officials; and

Whereas, furthermore, in 1999 Mayor Kyzer forged a successful sister‑city relationship between the City of Newberry and the Municipality of Hamm, Germany, later establishing in Newberry a local chapter of Sister Cities International, now broadly and actively patronized by the residents of the City and County of Newberry. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and commend the Honorable T. Edward Kyzer, former mayor of Newberry, for the remarkable vision, leadership, and professionalism that characterized his twenty years of service as mayor, and recognize the outstanding achievements of his administration.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honorable T. Edward Kyzer.

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