**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SIR KNIGHT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT CUMMINGS, PSD, FM, FOR TWENTY‑EIGHT YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Sir Knight Franklin Roosevelt Cummings was one of seventy‑five converts from the Episcopal Church who were confirmed Roman Catholic in April 1984; and

Whereas, in the same year, Sir Knight Franklin Roosevelt Cummings joined the Knights of Columbus, and in 1986, he received the honors of the Fourth Degree; and

Whereas, always an exemplary leader, he has served with honor and distinction; and

Whereas, he served the Knights of Columbus as state deputy of the Third Degree and master of the Fourth Degree, and under this leadership as chief executive officer for four years, the Knights of Columbus Order in South Carolina thrived as a strong and vibrant organization, benefitting from his skills and business expertise; and

Whereas, Sir Knight Franklin Roosevelt Cummings has been honored with such awards as the Navigators Award, Sir Knight of the Year in 1986 and 1993, the Community Award from the South Carolina State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Honoree of the Bishop England Assembly #1072, and the Supreme Council Award; and

Whereas, revered by his fellow Brother Knights in South Carolina and the Southeast region, Sir Knight Franklin Roosevelt Cummings has been awarded the medal of John Paul II and a plaque for new Council development; and

Whereas, a faithful communicant of the Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Columbia, he serves on the school board and the Legion of Mary, and he represents the Right to Life Group; and

Whereas, for thirty‑six years, Roosevelt Cummings diligently served the House of Representatives, beginning his employment in 1968 and retiring on November 16, 2004; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives has been blessed over the years with a staff composed of dedicated and talented people, and Roosevelt Cummings stands as one of the most capable individuals who has served the General Assembly; and

Whereas, his beloved wife, the former Virginia Keller, has distinguished herself as a tireless educator of the state’s youth in both Allendale and Charleston counties; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are grateful for the dedication and leadership that Sir Knight Franklin Roosevelt Cummings has given tirelessly for decades, sacrificing himself, his time, and his talents to contribute meaningfully to the lives of countless South Carolinians. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Sir Knight Franklin Roosevelt Cummings, PSD, FM, for twenty‑eight years of outstanding service and many contributions to the Knights of Columbus and for his years of service to the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sir Knight Franklin Roosevelt Cummings.

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