**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR GOOSE CREEK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN B. MCCANTS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM CITY COUNCIL, AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the South Carolina General Assembly honor individuals who give of their time and resources for the good of others; and

Whereas, Goose Creek City Council member John B. McCants has contributed twenty-four years of valuable public service to the citizens of the Palmetto State and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, having moved to Goose Creek in 1973, Mr. McCants became a respected community resident and was elected a member of Goose Creek City Council in April 1992. Since then, he has served in that capacity with distinction. He will retire in April 2016; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, this Gable native earned an associate degree in business marketing and public service from Trident Technical Community College and also attended Morris College; and

Whereas, now retired from the U.S. Army as a sergeant first class, he served in his country’s armed forces for more than two decades. His years in the military took him to Vietnam, where he served from 1967 to 1969; and

Whereas, stateside, he worked as a building inspector in Goose Creek and then in Charleston County, where he assisted in writing grants that provided funding for low-income families to build and repair homes. He retired in 1998; and

Whereas, Mr. McCants was one of the founding members who worked with Mayor Joseph P. Riley on the Crisis Ministry for homelessness in Charleston. He also served on the Berkeley-Dorchester Economic Development Board and worked to provide funds for weatherization assistance to low-income families; and

Whereas, he is currently a member of the Berkeley County Sheriff’s Advisory Committee and continues to serve the families of Goose Creek as a volunteer; and

Whereas, Mr. McCants finds strength for his work in the strong support of his wife, Christena (Joy); their four children, Gerry, Robin, Mechelle, and Artina; their grandchildren, Christopher, Brandon, Joy, Javon, Christia, Matthew, and Noah; and their two great-grandchildren, Elijah and Alexander; and

Whereas, Mr. McCants has lived a life in service to others as demonstrated in his countless acts of kindness, compassion, and love; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like John B. McCants who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, honor Goose Creek City Council member John B. McCants on the occasion of his retirement from city council, thank him for his years of outstanding public service to the people of South Carolina, and wish him much success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. John B. McCants

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