**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE, HONOR, AND REMEMBER ROBERT SPENCE “SKIPPER” PERRY, JR., OF AIKEN, FOR HIS LIFELONG SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO BOTH THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND IN MANY OTHER CAPACITIES.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina deem it altogether fitting and proper to pause in their deliberations to honor a revered member of their body, Robert Spence “Skipper” Perry, Jr., a man who has dedicated himself to the public good and to those unable to help themselves both through his work in elected office and in his daily life; and

Whereas, Skipper Perry was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1999 and served the citizens of District 81 for ten years. In the House of Representatives, Mr. Perry was a member of the Rules Committee; the Labor, Commerce, and Industry Committee; the Subcommittee on Insurance; and the Subcommittee on Public Utilities; and

Whereas, as a member of the House of Representatives for the Palmetto State, he was visible as an advocate for sidewalk access for handicapped citizens and even used his Segway scooter with permission inside the State House; and

Whereas, Mr. Perry received many honors throughout his life, including Sertoman of the Year, the Order of the Palmetto, and “2017 Man of the Year” from the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, in addition to his service in the House of Representatives, he served his community in Aiken County as president and member of the Aiken Sertoma Club, president and chairman of the United Way of Aiken County, founding member and chairman of the Tri Development Center, founding member of the Historic Aiken Foundation, president of the Aiken Symphony Guild, vice president of the Aiken Center for the Arts, Mayor Pro Tempore for the City of Aiken, member of the Aiken City Council, president of the Mended Hearts of Aiken, chairman of the Adult Development Center, Chairman of the Heart Walk, president of the Pinecrest Elementary PTA, chairman of the Palmetto Amateur Golf Tournament, president of the Aiken Jaycees, member of the American Legion Post 26, and many positions within the Aiken County and South Carolina Republican Party leadership; and

Whereas, Mr. Perry was also the announcer for the Aiken Polo Club for many years, and his distinctive voice will be well remembered in his hometown; and

Whereas, Mr. Perry was the son of the late Robert Spence Perry, Sr. and May Seigler Perry of Aiken. He is survived by his wife, Anne Straus; son, Stanley, and his wife Meg; son, Richard, and his wife Kristin; and four grandchildren; and

Whereas, the historic wooden bridges on York Street in Aiken have been named in his honor. The newly erected wood and steel structures will serve the traveling public for many years to come as a fitting and proper tribute to the accomplishments and public service of this son of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives express their sorrow at the loss of so great a man and extend their sincerest condolences to his family and friends. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize, honor, and remember Robert Spence “Skipper” Perry, Jr., of Aiken, for his lifelong service and commitment to both the people and the State of South Carolina as a former member of the South Carolina House of Representatives and in many other capacities.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Robert Spence “Skipper” Perry, Jr.

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