**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY RENAME THE CHARLESTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THE “ERNEST F. ‘FRITZ’ HOLLINGS CHARLESTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT” AND TO ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THE AIRPORT CONTAINING THE WORDS “ERNEST F. ‘FRITZ’ HOLLINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT”.

Whereas, the Honorable Ernest Frederick “Fritz” Hollings of Charleston served the people of South Carolina since 1949; and

Whereas, Fritz Hollings is one of the state’s outstanding leaders and statesmen of the modern era; and

Whereas, from 1942 to 1945, he served during World War II in the North African and European campaigns; and

Whereas, Senator Hollings has served in the South Carolina House of Representatives, as President of the South Carolina Senate, as Lieutenant Governor, as Governor, and as United States Senator; and

Whereas, he presided over the South Carolina Senate from 1955 through 1959 ‑ maintaining order and discipline during some tumultuous budget times; and

Whereas, under his leadership as Governor, for the first time since 1895 South Carolina had a balanced budget; and

Whereas, Fritz Hollings is known as the “Father of Technical Education” in this State ‑ establishing a system which enabled South Carolinians who grew up on farms and in mill towns to learn marketable vocational skills for the first time; and

Whereas, in 1966, he was elected to the United States Senate and was reelected six times, serving as chair of the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee from 1987 to 1995, and again from 2001 to 2003; and

Whereas, after thirty‑eight years of service in the United States Senate, Senator Hollings retired from elected office but will never retire from working for the people of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly are in agreement that Fritz Hollings’ innumerable contributions to our State are greatly deserving of this honor and take this time to express their profound gratitude for Senator Hollings’ seven decades of devoted service to the people of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request the Charleston County Aviation Authority rename the Charleston International Airport the “Ernest F. ‘Fritz’ Hollings Charleston International Airport” and to erect appropriate markers or signs at the airport containing the words “Ernest F. ‘Fritz’ Hollings Charleston International Airport”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Charleston County Aviation Authority.

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