**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. AND MRS. PHILIP KELLY OF BEAUFORT COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BLESSING AND FULFILLMENT.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Philip and Lesley Kelly of Beaufort will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 14, 2019; and

Whereas, in 1967, the couple met at a Newberry College program in Newberry, and they were married on June 14, 1969. Philip Kelly and his sweetheart, the former Lesley Coyle, have demonstrated a commitment to one another over the past fifty years that has served as an inspiration to all who know them; and

Whereas, Mr. Kelly considers it one of the crowning achievements of his life that he was able to persuade Lesley to become his dear wife. They have been blessed with three fine children: Patrick, Timothy, and Kimberly. They also have two daughters‑in‑law, Laura and Kristin, as well as one son‑in‑law, Jonathan Poverud. These children have blessed the Kellys with the affection of five loving grandchildren: Oliver, Kate, Claire, Tennyson, and Arwynn; and

Whereas, in 1969, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly each began careers dedicated to the education of South Carolina’s children. In his career spanning thirty years, Mr. Kelly worked with the South Carolina Department of Education and Rock Hill School District III. Dedicated to improving education in the State, he became active with and assumed leadership roles in the South Carolina Association of School Business Associates and served as the president of the South Eastern Association of School Business Officials from 1999 to 2000; and

Whereas, Mrs. Kelly’s passion for elementary education led to her thirty‑year career in the classroom with schools in Beaufort, Charleston, Columbia, and Rock Hill. Seeing the value of supporting new teachers, she took leadership roles in mentoring new teachers with her local district, and she also obtained National Board Certification; and

Whereas, a native of Newberry, Mr. Kelly is known for his sage advice, “Grow where you are planted,” and while the couple has moved around South Carolina and even lived in Gainesville, Florida, while he attended graduate school, the Kellys have always kept South Carolina as home and have helped countless other South Carolinians grow where they were planted; and

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the House of Representatives express their felicitations to these two special South Carolinians on reaching the extraordinary milestone of a half century of marriage, their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kelly of Beaufort County on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of blessing and fulfillment.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kelly.

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