**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE MARK L. JOHNSON FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, is it fitting that the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Councilman Mark Johnson for his significant contributions to Surfside, South Carolina; and

Whereas, for eleven years, the Town of Surfside Beach has enjoyed the benefit of the commitment, experience, and leadership of the Honorable Mark Johnson, who will soon step down from his duties as council member in December 2019; and

Whereas, before his move to Surfside Beach, Mr. Johnson graduated from Ferrum College in 1981, in Ferrum, Virginia. Although originally from Tazewell, Virginia, he has resided in Surfside for many years; and

Whereas, Mr. Johnson’s term of service on town council included service on the Surfside Beach Town Council Infrastructure subcommittee, while also pursuing a full-time career with Carrie Johnson Insurance; and

Whereas, during Mr. Johnson’s eleven year tenure, the council served in the town’s best interest by continuing to allow tents on the beach to encourage and support its family beach reputation. Additionally, Mr. Johnson and the council advanced progress on the underground wiring project on Ocean Boulevard and contributed to the improvement of the 3rd Avenue South Promenade and the purchase of historical property on 3rd Avenue and Willow Drive, known as the Ark Plantation Site; and

Whereas, during Mr. Johnson’s term, the council negotiated with FEMA to garner almost ten million dollars in funds to rebuild the town’s fishing pier that was destroyed by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. In addition, Mr. Johnson worked closely with the South Carolina Department of Transportation during the ongoing repaving project to improve the town’s infrastructure along Highway 17 Business; and

Whereas, the House shows appreciation for the legacy of consistent excellence and dedication which Mark Johnson has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, most particularly those of Surfside Beach, and takes great pleasure in wishing him all the best in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the honorable Mark L. Johnson for his outstanding service as a member of the Surfside Town Council and wish him continued success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mark L. Johnson.

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