**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND JACK JONES, ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTER, FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the South Carolina Senate recognize those who give of themselves for the betterment of this great state’s citizenry; and

Whereas, Jack Jones has devoted his life to helping inform the people of South Carolina, including the past twenty‑five years as an editor for the Associated Press in the Palmetto State and, in so doing, helping to educate South Carolina’s people on issues that vitally concern their well‑being; and

Whereas, a graduate of Chesnee High School and the University of South Carolina, Mr. Jones was a State House reporter with the South Carolina News Network and news director at WLTX‑TV prior to his years with the Associated Press; and

Whereas, over the course of his career, Mr. Jones has risen before the sun, helping to get news out to newspapers, television stations, and websites in South Carolina. He is widely respected for his news judgment, his accuracy, his fairness, and his intelligence; and

Whereas, his deep knowledge of South Carolina and of its modern political history has been a source of context for dozens of reporters who have worked with him through the years; and

Whereas, Mr. Jones’ hard work was honored by the Associated Press when he was named the 2010 Staffer of the Year for South Carolina; and

Whereas, in addition to being an outstanding newsman, Jack Jones is a good friend and is devoted to his family, including his wife, Beth; sons Chris and Tim and his wife, Nazia; and grandchildren David and Josiah. He is also an elder at SouthEast Community Church in Columbia; and

Whereas, grateful for his dedication, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to pause in its deliberations to honor Jack Jones for his four decades of valuable service to the people of South Carolina, and the members wish him much success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend Jack Jones, Associated Press reporter, for his distinguished service to the citizens of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Jack Jones.

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