**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE BOBBY KEISLER AT THE COMPLETION OF EIGHTEEN YEARS AS A DEDICATED LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCILMAN, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for nearly twenty years, Lexington County enjoyed the benefit of the commitment, experience, and leadership of the Honorable Bobby Keisler, former member of Lexington County Council, who, having decided not to seek re‑election, stepped down from his duties as a councilman in 2020; and

Whereas, during his term of service on county council, which began in 2003, he held the seat for District Five, representing Red Bank and South Congaree; and

Whereas, when he was first elected, Bobby Keisler made a list of things he wanted to accomplish for his neighbors in District 5. He wanted a fire station and park for recreation in Red Bank and a library in South Congaree. He also wanted to help find a grocer to fill a building that became empty on Main Street in South Congaree when the Winn Dixie closed. He has checked off all those boxes and more. There has been a well‑equipped fire station in Red Bank for more than a decade now, and the park off Nazareth Road, often referred to as “Bobby’s Park” out of affection for the man, features equestrian show areas, is home to the Lexington County Girls’ Softball program, and has a play area with picnic shelters, as well as a BMX track that has hosted the Gold Cup Regional Qualifier. A beautiful library and a recently remodeled Food Lion serve the public in South Congaree; and

Whereas, anyone who knows him and his voting record knows Mr. Keisler has always been a strong supporter of public safety. This Army veteran was a reserve police officer in South Congaree before being elected, and he and his fellow council members have made major strides in that area. The county has achieved a lower ISO rating that gives his neighbors lower fire insurance premiums, and Lexington County is known across the State for its top‑notch EMS and fire services; and

Whereas, further, Bobby Keisler, his wife, Rachel, and their family have supported the area in ways too numerous to count. They have been the catalyst for a Red Bank Christmas Celebration and Tree Lighting at the Nazareth Road Park. For years, he’s co‑sponsored and hosted a Public Safety Picnic each spring with Caughman Harman Funeral Home, and they’ve fed hundreds of first responders as a way of saying thanks to these hardworking men and women. As a longtime member of the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission, he has worked closely with his colleagues to expand both water lines with fire hydrants and sewer service across some of the more rural areas of the county. Councilman Keisler also was instrumental in bringing in Red Bank Arena to South Congaree, and Saxe Gotha Park came into being during his tenure, becoming Lexington’s first county‑owned industrial park; and

Whereas, this man of faith serves the Lord as a member of Red Bank United Methodist Church, where he is a former chair of its trustees. In addition, he has served Lexington County as a small‑business owner for several decades; and

Whereas, appreciative of the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Bobby Keisler has bestowed on this great State, particularly Lexington County, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in wishing him well at his departure from county council. He carries with him the gratitude and good wishes of all his colleagues and constituents. 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 congratulate the Honorable Bobby Keisler at the completion of eighteen years as a dedicated Lexington County councilman, thank him for his distinguished service, and extend best wishes in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Bobby Keisler.

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