**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COLIN DEMAREST OF THE *AIKEN STANDARD* FOR HIS EXCELLENCE IN NEWS REPORTING AND TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION AND BEST WISHES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS HE PREPARES TO TAKE UP A NEW POST IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Whereas, a highly valued and experienced award‑winning reporter, writer, and photographer, Colin Demarest is never without his notebook and Nikon. His keen eye often produces the most illustrative photo that grabs readers’ attention and illuminates the story at hand; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, this 2016 graduate of the University of South Carolina majored in journalism and mass communications and attained his Bachelor of Arts degree; and

Whereas, after graduation from the University of South Carolina, Colin worked as a feature writer for *The Berkshire View* and then as an editor and reporter for Limestone Communications, where he edited copy and designed pages. At Limestone, Colin covered government in five towns and two regional school districts; and

Whereas, in November 2017, Colin joined the *Aiken Standard*, where his initial assignment was reporting on Aiken city government. Additionally, he provided outstanding coverage of South Carolina political news, often reporting on members of the Aiken legislative delegation; and

Whereas, eventually, Colin transitioned to in‑depth coverage of the Savannah River Site (SRS), where he made a niche for himself in not only the *Aiken Standard* but also the *Post and Courier*. His SRS reporting brought insight into the workings of that sometimes secretive federal reservation. Colin’s coverage of SRS often took him to Washington, D.C., to report on the Department of Energy, the NNSA, and other federal agencies, as well as on congressional actions impacting SRS; and

Whereas, his new assignment is with C4ISRNET, a publication covering emerging issues and trends in global military transformation and centric warfare technologies. Specifically, he will be covering defense networks and IT. This new appointment will take Colin’s reporting skills to the Pentagon, where he doubtless will dig deeply into military affairs and report on issues of high importance. 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 honor Colin Demarest of the *Aiken Standard* for his excellence in news reporting and express the appreciation and best wishes of the South Carolina House as he prepares to take up a new post in Washington, D.C.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Colin Demarest.

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