**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SHERMAN JAMES GOODWIN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that Sherman James Goodwin celebrated his seventieth birthday on February 3, 2022; and

Whereas, born in Blair on February 3, 1952, Mr. Goodwin has witnessed notable social changes, technological advancements, and international events that spanned the globe over seven decades; and

Whereas, the son of Nancy and Johnnie Goodwin, Sherman Goodwin moved to Columbia at a young age with his loving family, including three younger siblings. He graduated from Columbia High School in 1970 where he played basketball and the trumpet. He continued to play the trumpet with the Soul Fabres, a local band, and a few times with Bert Barnett and the Soul Aces. When the Dells performed at the Township Auditorium in the 1970s, the Soul Fabres played on the program; and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor’s degree in business finance in 1986 from the University of South Carolina and, while in college, he began working as the gas operations’ manager at South Carolina Electric and Gas Company and served in the South Carolina Air National Guard. He retired from UPS as a digital load planner; and

Whereas, Mr. Goodwin served in the United States Air Force at Dyess Air Force Base in Texas from 1971 to 1975 and in the South Carolina Air National Guard at McEntire Air National Guard Base assigned to the Civil Engineering Squadron from 1976 to 2003, and retired from the military with the rank of Chief Sergeant Major after more than thirty‑one years combined service; and

Whereas, dedicated to his community, he formerly served as the president of Newcastle Concerned Citizens for several years in two separate terms. While his sons were young, Mr. Goodwin served as a leader for their Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America troops for several years in two area churches which the family attended. After his sons were grown, he served as a leader for the Cub Scouts at Ridgewood Baptist and Union Baptist churches; and

Whereas, committed to obeying and serving the Lord Jesus Christ, he served as a deacon at Ridgewood Baptist Church and Church of the Open Door and as a preteen Sunday school teacher at First Northeast Baptist and Union Baptist churches. He also served as a mentor for two years to a young boy in elementary school; and

Whereas, throughout his life, Mr. Goodwin has enjoyed playing sports, especially golf with the Brothers in Christ (BIC) golfing ministry, tennis, and basketball, and while serving in the United States Air Force, he played intramural basketball and softball; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Charlyce, he used the Word of God as his guide to rear their three fine sons in the way that they should go. Sherman, Corey, and Shandon have blessed him with the affection of five grandchildren. On February 16, 2022, the Goodwins will celebrate fifty years of loving and faithful Christian marriage; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to honor this son of South Carolina at the celebration of his seventieth birthday and join with his family and friends in congratulating him on reaching this special milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Sherman James Goodwin on the occasion of his seventieth birthday and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sherman James Goodwin.

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