**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF HARRY BANCROFT “BUCK” LIMEHOUSE, JR., AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Harry Bancroft “Buck” Limehouse, Jr., on February 3, 2022, at the age of eighty‑three; and

Whereas, Buck Limehouse entered this world on December 3, 1938. Having received his early education in Charleston, he went on to further his educational studies at The Citadel and in 1960, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English; and

Whereas, Mr. Limehouse was the founder and owner of Limehouse Properties, a commercial real estate company that manages his business interests, which include the Indigo Inn, the Meeting Street Inn, and the Jasmine House, all in downtown Charleston, and two franchised properties in Summerville and St. George. He had been a licensed real estate broker since February 1974; and

Whereas, in recognition of his business skills, the South Carolina Hospitality Association named Mr. Limehouse the 1994 “Hotelier of the Year”. He was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree in Hospitality Management from Johnson & Wales University in 1995 and in 1996, The Citadel bestowed upon him an Honorary Doctorate degree in Business; and

Whereas, in 1994, Mr. Limehouse was elected Chairman of the South Carolina Public Railways Commission and was instrumental in the creation of the State Infrastructure Bank in 1997. He served as a member of the bank’s board from 1997‑1999 where he was involved in the initiation of several transportation projects that totaled billions of dollars in value, including the Cross Island Parkway, the Conway Bypass, the Carolina Bays Parkway, and the US 17 ACE Basin project. During his tenure as Chairman, the SCDOT was recognized as the most efficient Department of Transportation in the nation; and

Whereas, in 2007, Mr. Limehouse was appointed as the first Secretary of the South Carolina Department of Transportation, where he served until January 2011. He was dedicated to improving the operations of the department and the impact of his initiatives will be felt for years to come; and

Whereas, in recognition for his dedication to the Palmetto State, Mr. Limehouse received a number of honors and awards, including the Order of the Palmetto in 1995 from Governor Carroll Campbell, as well a second Order of the Palmetto from Governor David Beasley in 1999. He was also named Transportation Advocate of the Year by the South Carolina Transportation Policy and Research Council in 1995 and received the Friend of the Taxpayer award from the South Carolina Association of Taxpayers in 1996; and

Whereas, a civic leader and well‑respected member of the Charleston community, Mr. Limehouse has served with many organizations including Charter President of the Charleston Board of Realtors’ Commercial Real Estate Division, founding President of the Palmetto State Games, Chapter President of Ducks Unlimited, and member of The Citadel Board of Visitors. He also served as Chair of the Southern Governors’ Conference, a member of the United States Presidential Delegation to the Paris Air Show of 1987, board member of the Carolina Coastal Boy Scouts of America, and longtime member of the Charleston Elks Lodge Number 242; and

Whereas, an avid outdoorsman, Mr. Limehouse enjoyed the marshes and woodlands of the South Carolina coast and vowed to protect the water, land, and air. Until recently, he owned land in the heart of the ACE Basin and granted a conservation easement there to protect the property from future development; and

Whereas, Mr. Limehouse leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of sixty years, Frances “Frankie” Fennell; their four sons, former member of the South Carolina House of Representatives Harry Bancroft “Chip” Limehouse III, Wilbert O’Brien Limehouse, Barry Walter M. Limehouse, and James Bradley Limehouse; nine grandchildren; and one great‑grandson. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express profound sorrow upon the passing of Harry Bancroft “Buck” Limehouse, Jr., and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Harry Bancroft “Buck” Limehouse, Jr.

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