AS ADOPTED BY THE SENATE

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Introduced by Reps. Yow, Henegan and Lucas

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**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 IN THE TOWN OF CHERAW IN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH TOWN AND COUNTRY ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH WINDSOR DRIVE “DR. JOSEPH KERSHAW NEWSOM MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Amend Title To Conform

Whereas, hailing from modest beginnings in Kershaw County, Dr. Joseph Kershaw Newsom went on to become a beloved doctor, community servant, and aviation enthusiast; and

Whereas, born August 2, 1931, the only child of Roger Acra Newsom and Lula Belle McKinnon, Dr. Newsom was raised on the family farm in Lee County. He attended public schools in Bishopville where he played baseball and football and drove a school bus. Following graduation from The Citadel, he married Martha Elizabeth Young of Mayesville. While stationed in Germany, the couple welcomed a son, J.K. “Shaw” Newsom, Jr., to the family; and

Whereas, the young couple later moved to New Orleans while Dr. Newsom attended Tulane School of Medicine. Daughters Shannon Elizabeth and Patricia Seyborn were born into the family while they were there; and

Whereas, upon completing the medical requirements to become a physician, Dr. Newsom returned to South Carolina, establishing the family home in Cheraw. He practiced family medicine for more than fifty years, establishing the first helipad in Chesterfield County, and founding the first urgent care facility; and

Whereas, a later marriage to Barbara Epstein of Cheraw added sons Jacob Andrew and William Alexander to the family. Following her death, he was united in marriage to Nancy Stubbs, also of Cheraw, for twenty‑three years until his death; and

Whereas, even in retirement Dr. Newsom continued to make house calls. He never forgot the babies he delivered, following them through school and into adulthood. Oftentimes, he would send a letter and a dollar or two to those children making all A’s; and

Whereas, in addition to his patients and his love of medicine, Dr. Newsom’s greatest passions were flying and his collection of aircrafts, which included Angel’s Playmate, a fighter bomber used in World War II and the Korean War and one of less than 175 operating P‑51 Mustangs in the world. He shared his love of flying with others, supporting community events, and working to establish aviation as an important economic driver in the Cheraw community; and

Whereas, an active member of Cheraw First Presbyterian Church, Dr. Newsom also served on numerous local and state boards and commissions throughout his life; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper that the life and legacy of Dr. Joseph Kershaw Newsom be memorialized by naming a portion of highway in the Town of Cheraw in his honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the portion of South Carolina Highway 9 in the Town of Cheraw in Chesterfield County from its intersection with Town and Country Road (S-13-602) to its intersection with Windsor Drive “Dr. Joseph Kershaw Newsom Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of highway containing these words.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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