**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOSEPH W. KING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR FLORENCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER A DISTINGUISHED TENURE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly have learned that Joseph W. King will begin a well‑deserved retirement after a distinguished tenure as the highly regarded executive director for Florence County Economic Development Partnership; and

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that the General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to honor individuals like Joe King who strive to improve the quality of life for citizens within their county; and

Whereas, a Kingsburg native, Mr. King graduated from Charleston Southern University in 1973 and engaged in farming with his family for many years. He served Florence County as a member of its county council and as its county administrator, gaining a wealth of knowledge about the county’s operations and abundant resources; and

Whereas, he has served Florence County with distinction as the executive director for Florence County Economic Development Partnership since June 2003. During his tenure as Florence County’s economic ambassador, Mr. King has played an integral role in the recruitment and retention of coveted businesses in Florence County, and he leaves an impressive legacy of success in improving the economic conditions in the county and Pee Dee region; and

Whereas, in recognition of his contributions to Florence County, Mr. King recently was honored by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce with its Public Servant of the Year Award for 2022; and

Whereas, Mr. King will be greatly missed as he begins a richly deserved retirement that surely will include enjoying golfing, Clemson football games, Murrells Inlet sunsets, entertaining family and friends, and spending time with his wife, Suzanne, and his children and grandchildren; and

Whereas, grateful for his many years of distinguished service to Florence County, the South Carolina General Assembly takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Joe King as he transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the leisurely pace of the days ahead, and the members wish him many years of enjoyment in the years to come. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Joseph W. King, executive director for Florence County Economic Development Partnership, upon the occasion of his retirement after a distinguished tenure of outstanding service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Joseph W. King.

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