**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DENNIS RAINES, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT ON MAY 28, 2022, AFTER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in its deliberations to express gratitude to Dennis Raines for his significant contributions after years of service in his community, the last seven of which have been as the highly regarded CFO of Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County; and

Whereas, under his leadership as mayor of Mauldin, Mr. Raines was instrumental in moving both the Mauldin Bridgeway Station Development project and the City Center Development project forward to begin construction of a downtown for the City of Mauldin; and

Whereas, Mayor Raines increased Mauldin City’s general fund balance while leading the 10‑Year Capital Project Plan for the City of Mauldin, a strategic capital expenditure plan for each department of the city that forecasts future departmental needs ten years ahead; and

Whereas, ever devoted to his community, he served as a volunteer firefighter for thirteen years; and

Whereas, in the spring of 2005 as a result of his vision and unrelenting perseverance, the Mauldin Miracle League played its first game with twenty‑six players in the initial season. The league now serves over one hundred forty children and young adults from five counties in the Upstate. He led the Mauldin Miracle League and its board of directors for ten years; and

Whereas, while still the mayor of Mauldin, he began serving Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County as its vice president of finance and chief financial officer; and

Whereas, under his watchful eye, Habitat of Greenville repaired/weatherized two hundred twenty‑eight homes that were homeowner occupied, and seventy‑four families became first‑time homeowners with affordable mortgages; and

Whereas, he negotiated property purchases and leases for three ReStores for Habitat of Greenville, as well as bridge loans for three major Habitat of Greenville development projects and agreements for over eight million dollars for accelerated asset recovery and property purchases; and

Whereas, grateful for his many years of distinguished service to Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Dennis Raines as he transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the unhurried pace of the days ahead, and the members wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. 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 Dennis Raines, Chief Financial Officer for Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County, upon the occasion of his retirement on May 28, 2022, after many years 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 Dennis Raines.

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