**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 34 IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH DOUGLAS ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH CLARKE BRIDGE ROAD “EDWARD L. STEVENSON, JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “EDWARD L. STEVENSON, JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY”.

Whereas, Edward L. Stevenson, Jr., was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina on February 12, 1916, and except for brief periods where he was working in Berkeley, Charleston, and McCormick Counties, he lived his entire life in Fairfield County. In 1940 he married the lovely Mittie Cannon and they had two children, Diane and Lonnie Edward; and

Whereas, Edward, or “Little Ed” as he was affectionately called by friends and neighbors, graduated from Monticello High School; and

Whereas, he was a man of strong character whose words was his bond and who had a great affection for Fairfield County and its people; and

Whereas, at the young age of eighteen Edward went into the “pulp” wood business and rapidly became an investor in timber and timber lands. At the age of twenty‑two he contracted with the South Carolina Public Service Authority which was cutting and clearing 177,000 acres of swamp land for Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie. He often lived for weeks at a time in the swamps with his timber crews; and

Whereas, by the early forties he was one of the largest timber producers in the southeastern United States. Upon completion of the “Santee Cooper” job, he promptly became involved in the timbering and clearing of the U.S. Naval Ammunitions site and after this he began timbering and clearing the Hartwell Lake site for the Clarks Hill Dam; and

Whereas, as an example of his ingenuity and hard work, in the 1960’s, in his mid‑forties, he sold over 6000 acres of land and timber to several paper companies; and

Whereas, making money was not all there was to Edward Stevenson. It was not unusual for Edward to lend money for homes and businesses, pay for college expenses, and even music lessons for friends and neighbors; and

Whereas, while his civic interest never included running for public office, he was a founder or financier of community enterprises such as Fairfield Development Company and many political campaigns; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to recognize this great son of South Carolina by naming a portion of South Carolina Highway 34 in Fairfield County in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of South Carolina Highway 34 in Fairfield County from its intersection with Jackson Creek Road to its intersection with Douglas Road “Edward L. Stevenson, Jr. Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this highway that contain the words ‘Edward L. Stevenson, Jr. Memorial Highway”.

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

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