**A** **SENATE 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 Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Harry Bancroft “Buck” Limehouse, Jr. on February 3, 2022 at age eighty-three; and

Whereas, Mr. Limehouse was born on December 3, 1938 in Charleston. He graduated from The Citadel in 1960; and

Whereas, Mr. Limehouse was the founder and owner of Limehouse Properties, a commercial real estate company that manages many of his other business interests, focusing on Land Acquisitions and Sales, Buyer Representation, Industrial and Commercial Development, Residential Development and Brokerage, Court Actions, and Port Related Infrastructure. Limehouse Properties manages the Indigo Inn, the Meeting Street Inn, the Jasmine House in downtown Charleston, the Summerville Econolodge, and the Saint George Comfort Inn; and

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

Whereas, in addition to his business experience, Mr. Limehouse also served as Chairman of the South Carolina Public Railways Commission and was applauded for his overhaul of the Department of Transportation, a position he held from 1994 to 1999. In 2007, Mr. Limehouse was appointed the first Secretary of the South Carolina Department of Transportation, where he led several major transportation projects and developed the most efficient Department of Transportation in the nation; and

Whereas, over the years, Mr. Limehouse received a number of honors and awards, including the Order of the Palmetto Award for his distinguished service to the State of South Carolina, awarded by Governor Carroll Campbell in 1995, as well a second Order of the Palmetto, awarded by Governor David Beasley, in 1999; and

Whereas, Mr. Limehouse was named Transportation Advocate of the Year in 1995 by the South Carolina Transportation Policy and Research Council, and he received the Friend of the Taxpayer award from the South Carolina Association of Taxpayers in 1996; and

Whereas, Mr. Limehouse organized the State Infrastructure Bank, which is responsible for funding projects such as the new Cooper River Bridge in Charleston County, the Conway Bypass, the Carolina Bays Parkway, the Highway 170 Project, the Southern Connector, the York County Road Projects, and the U.S. 17 Ashepoo, Combahee, and South Edisto (ACE) Basin project. Governor David Beasley signed the State Infrastructure Bank into law in 1997 and appointed Mr. Limehouse to its board; and

Whereas, a civic leader, Mr. Limehouse served as Charter President of the Charleston Board of Realtors’ Commercial Real Estate Division, founding President of the Palmetto State Games, President of the Ducks Unlimited nonprofit, 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 a 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 as well as the ACE Basin where he owned land that he granted as a conservation easement to protect the property from future development. He was named the South Carolina Conservationist of the Year in 1997; and

Whereas, Mr. Limehouse leaves to cherish his memory his wife 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; their nine grandchildren, Chase Limehouse (Kaitlin), Eliza Limehouse McBride (Struthers), Elaine Paige Limehouse, Wilbert O’Brien Limehouse, Jr., Alston Limehouse, Lina Limehouse Bass (Zeb), McLain Limehouse, Morgan Limehouse, and Barry Walter M. Limehouse, Jr.; and one great-grandson, Patton McBride. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, 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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