**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE JAMES C. “J.C.” COOK III, FORMER MAYOR OF CLEMSON, FOR HIS TWENTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF CLEMSON TOWN COUNCIL AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for a total of twenty years, the City of Clemson has enjoyed the benefit of the commitment, experience, and leadership of the Honorable James C. “J.C.” Cook III, former mayor and member of Clemson City Council, who recently stepped down from his duties as mayor and council member; and

Whereas, Mr. Cook’s service on town council began with a four‑year term as a councilmember from 1996 to 2000. Elected again in 2004, he served as a councilman through 2012, at which time he was elected to the office of mayor, a post he filled until the end of 2020. His decision not to run for the office of mayor again stemmed from his personal belief in term limits; and

Whereas, during his years of service, this Clemson native and former Clemson University student oversaw major growth in his hometown, most of which was wrought by Clemson University’s burgeoning football program and expanding student body. An emphasis on supporting growth was crucial for J.C. Cook, who strove to make the permitting and approval processes for business owners and developers as smooth as possible; and

Whereas, while serving on Clemson City Council, J.C. Cook also spent seven years on the city’s architectural review board; and

Whereas, J.C. Cook finds strength for his labors in the strong support of his family: his wife, Nancy G. Cook; his two daughters; and his three grandchildren. He is a longtime local businessman best known for having owned the Tiger Town Tavern for thirty years; and

Whereas, appreciative of the legacy of consistent excellence and dedication J.C. Cook has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, most particularly those of Clemson, the House takes great pleasure in wishing him all the best in the days ahead. 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 commend the Honorable James C. “J.C.” Cook III, former mayor of Clemson, for his twenty years of dedicated service as a member of Clemson Town Council and wish him much success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable James C. “J.C.” Cook III.

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