**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BOB AND DONNA HICKS OF GREENVILLE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH CONTINUED HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Bob and Donna Hicks of Greenville County will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 18, 2021; and

Whereas, there is no greater success in life than a marriage and family life that endure the test of time and grow stronger with each passing year; and

Whereas, the long‑lasting love and support of a spouse is unmatched in its importance and cannot be overestimated; and

Whereas, born in Beverly, Mississippi, in 1949, Colonel Robert G. (Bob) Hicks, U.S. Army Veterinary Corps (Ret.), was raised in South Carolina’s capital city, and his lovely wife, Donna W. Hicks, was born in Augusta, Georgia, in 1951 and raised in Greer; and

Whereas, in 1969, the two met at Presbyterian College in Clinton, and Bob, having won his lady’s heart, wed her on June 18, 1971; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, Colonel Hicks earned a bachelor’s degree from Presbyterian College, a master’s degree in food technology from Texas A&M University, and a doctorate in veterinary medicine from the University of Georgia. Donna holds a bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Georgia and a master’s degree in the same subject from Texas A&M University; and

Whereas, the Lord blessing their union, Bob and Donna became the proud parents of two daughters, Jessica and Jennifer. Together, the family shared adventures both stateside and across Europe while Colonel Hicks was fulfilling his career assignments. In time, the senior Hickses became the delighted grandparents of Grace, Peyton, Caleb, Elijah, Nathan, and Maxwell; and

Whereas, Colonel Hicks retired from the military in 2003, having served twenty‑seven and a half years, while Donna retired from teaching in 2016. They now enjoy retirement in a wonderful community on Lake Robinson in Taylors. They serve the Lord as members of Greer’s Fairview Baptist Church, where both are Sunday School teachers and Bob serves as a deacon; and

Whereas, their commitment to one another over the past fifty years is to be revered and serves as an inspiration to both family and friends; and

Whereas, in recognition of their half century together, the couple will be honored by family and friends with a celebratory event on Saturday, June 19, 2021; and

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the House of Representatives express their congratulations to these two special South Carolinians on reaching the milestone of their golden wedding anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Bob and Donna Hicks of Greenville County on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend best wishes for much continued happiness and fulfillment in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bob and Donna Hicks.

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