**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SHOP ROAD IN RICHLAND COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH PINEWOOD DRIVE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH LONGWOOD ROAD THE “HONORABLE JIMMY C. BALES HIGHWAY” AND TO ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Whereas, for twenty‑two years, the Honorable Jimmy C. Bales, Ed.D., represented the citizens of House District 80 in Kershaw and Richland counties with faithfulness in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, the son of the late James C. Bales and Ruth Robinette, Jimmy Bales was born in Rose Hill, Virginia. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Columbia College (1960), followed by a master’s degree from East Tennessee State University (1966) and a doctorate in education from the University of South Carolina (1975). From 1955 to 1956, he served in the United States Army; and

Whereas, his career included service as a teacher and as principal of Lower Richland High School. In addition, he was director of career education for Richland School District One and a probation officer for Richland County Family Court. Mr. Bales also served as a trustee for Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital; and

Whereas, during his years in the House of Representatives (1999‑2020), Jimmy Bales used his experience for the benefit of his constituents and other citizens of our State as a member of the Invitations and Memorial Resolutions Committee, which he served as chairman, and the Ways and Means Committee. As part of his legislative labors in the early days of his House service, he served as chairman of the Freshman Caucus. Prior to his election to the House, he was a member of the Richland County Council for a number of years, with two terms as council chairman; and

Whereas, during his years of public service, he was supported by his wife, Helen (Lynn) Elizabeth Armstrong, and their five children, Richard, Deborah, Kevin, Kris, and Kristen. A farmer, the only thing he loves as much as his family and constituents is tending to his cows; and

Whereas, as a tribute to his many years of service, it would be fitting and proper to name a portion of highway in the Lower Richland Community in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, request the Department of Transportation name the portion of Shop Road in Richland County from its intersection with Pinewood Drive to its intersection with Longwood Road the “Honorable Jimmy C. Bales Highway” and erect appropriate signs or markers along this portion of highway containing these words.

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

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