**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAMES PETE HAGOOD OF HAMPTON FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF HAMPTON AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives recognizes those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great state’s citizenry. Having spent his life working to enhance the lives of others, James Pete Hagood of Hampton exemplifies such South Carolinians; and

Whereas, born in Hampton on June 21, 1928, James Pete Hagood attended school in Hampton, from which he graduated in 1944; and

Whereas, in God’s good time, he met and married the lovely Alma Moore, and the couple raised two fine sons and four delightful daughters. The senior Hagoods were married for sixty‑four years before Mrs. Hagood passed away; and

Whereas, James Pete Hagood was employed by the Plywoods‑Plastics plant at the age of sixteen. His career also included employment with Howard Brothers Lumber Company, Avant Esso Service Station, and Westinghouse in Hampton, from which he retired after thirty years of service; and

Whereas, because he believes strongly in active participation in his community, Deacon Hagood has been involved in various community organizations, including Antioch Masonic Lodge #91 (lifetime member), the NAACP (fifty years), and the Lowcountry Council of Governments (more than twenty‑seven years); and

Whereas, in addition, he was the first African American elected to Hampton Town Council, as well as the first African American Boy Scout Master, and he served as mayor pro tem of Hampton; and

Whereas, Deacon Hagood also served on the Hampton County Council committee responsible for acquiring two ambulances for the Town of Hampton and one for the Town of Estill, and he was a member of the AHAC board responsible for the hiring of two physicians. He was instrumental in naming the Harrison‑Peeples Health Care Center; and

Whereas, further, this man of faith has been an active member of Huspah Missionary Baptist Church since 1938. His many church duties included serving on the deacon board for over sixty years and as chairman of the board for fifty years. In a salute to his spirit of excellence and dedicated service, Deacon Hagood has been recognized in the naming of the James Pete Hagood Learning Center, adjacent to Huspah Missionary Baptist Church, in his honor; and

Whereas, the members of the House recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like James Pete Hagood who use their talents and resources to serve others. 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 honor James Pete Hagood of Hampton for his many years of dedicated community service to the people of Hampton and extend best wishes as he continues to serve in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to James Pete Hagood.

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