**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE THOMAS E. HUFF ON HIS RETIREMENT AS AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS, AFTER DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that the Honorable Thomas E. Huff has begun a well‑deserved retirement after forty‑four years of service to the Palmetto State, the last of which have been as a distinguished and highly‑regarded judge on the South Carolina Court of Appeals; and

Whereas, born in Augusta, Georgia, in 1949, he is the son of Ernest R. Huff, a retired electrician, and the late Trilby C. Huff, and he earned an associate’s degree from the University of South Carolina‑Aiken in 1969, a bachelor’s degree from Augusta College, now Augusta State University, in 1971, and a juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1975; and

Whereas, in 1978, he was first elected to serve in the South Carolina House of Representatives and served continuously until February 1996 when he resigned to seek a seat on the South Carolina Court of Appeals; and

Whereas, while in the South Carolina House, he served as chairman of the Rules Committee, on the House Judiciary Committee, and as chair of the General Laws Subcommittee; and

Whereas, during his legislative service, he was extensively involved in the development of family law and coauthored South Carolina’s Equitable Division Statute; and

Whereas, an appointee to the South Carolina Symposium, “Families in Court,” Judge Huff provided several presentations and legislative updates, stressing the area of family law, to the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association; and

Whereas, he co‑chaired the Joint Committee on Tort Reform which proposed legislative changes to South Carolina’s Tort System.

Whereas, prior to his election to the Court of Appeals, Judge Huff served as a corporate attorney for Aiken Electric Cooperative, one of the three largest cooperatives in South Carolina; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Curtis Baptist Church and dedicated to his profession, Judge Huff is a member of the South Carolina Bar Association and the Aiken County Bar Association. He was admitted to practice in all South Carolina Courts and the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina; and

Whereas, grateful for his many years of distinguished service to South Carolina, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Thomas Huff as he transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the leisurely pace of the days ahead, and the members wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Honorable Thomas E. Huff on his retirement as an associate judge on the South Carolina Court of Appeals, after decades of outstanding service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Thomas E. Huff.

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