

RESOLUTION

TO HONOR ROBERT D. "ROBBY" ROBBINS FOR HIS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS COMMISSIONER, VICE CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Robert D. "Robby" Robbins was born in Charleston and raised in St. George, South Carolina. He was a Valedictorian of the Dorchester Academy class of 1980, obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of South Carolina in 1984 and his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1987. He was a First Circuit Deputy Solicitor from 1997-2003 and First Circuit Solicitor in 2004, prosecuting violent criminals and significant drug cases with a 98 percent trial conviction rate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins has been a recognized leader in economic development for more than 30 years, serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Greater Summerville/Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce in 2009, and serving on the Chamber's Executive Committee and as its Vice Chair of Public Policy. He also served on the Boards of the Charleston Regional Development Alliance and Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce and was a founding member of the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce in 1992; and

WHEREAS, well before becoming a Transportation Commissioner, Mr. Robbins supported the improvement of transportation infrastructure as a key member of the 2004 Infrastructure Committee that encouraged passage of the Dorchester County Bond Referendum to widen roads across the County and help fund the construction of the Berlin G. Myers Parkway Extension; and


WHEREAS, he joined the SCDOT Commission in 2016 representing the 1st Congressional District, served as Vice Chairman in 2018, as Commission Chairman in 2019, and was reappointed to a second term in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins provided steadfast and tireless leadership on the SCDOT Commission and oversaw immense, record-breaking progress as the agency worked to reverse decades of neglect and significantly improve South Carolina's transportation network. Mr. Robbins provided critical direction as the agency progressed in its Strategic 10-year plan, with ramped-up road and bridge construction climbing well over \$3 billion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins displays compassion and love for children and families in crisis by serving on the Board of Directors of the Dorchester Children's Advocacy Center and is its current incoming Board Chair. He has also provided legal counsel for the Center and has successfully defended the legal rights and privacy of the children served by the Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins, husband to Mary Bryce Robbins and father to Bryce and Lena, in 2018 joined the law firm of Thurmond Kirchner & Timbes, P.A. in Dorchester, and remains an undying and passionate Gamecock fan who is never shy about sharing his love and support and his opinions regarding his alma mater and its athletics endeavors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission, duly assembled on Thursday, May 19, 2022, commends and expresses gratitude to Robert D. "Robby" Robbins for his exceptional service to the citizens of the State of South Carolina through his leadership on the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission.



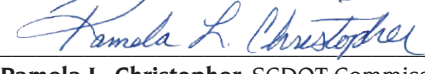
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