



House of Representatives

State of South Carolina

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DISTRICT NO. 18 - GREENVILLE COUNTY

COMMITTEE:
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

January 5, 2022

The Honorable James H. Lucas
Speaker, South Carolina House of Representatives
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: SC House District 18

Dear Mr. Speaker:

After careful consideration of my health and family circumstances, I find it necessary to resign from the South Carolina House of Representatives effective January 7, 2022. Many thanks to the citizenry of Blue Ridge, Greer and Taylors who have graciously allowed me to represent them for these past years. The opportunity to serve them has been the honor of a lifetime.

Thank you for your strong leadership of the House during some very difficult years for our State and for the leadership opportunities that you provided to me. Serving with you has been my privilege.

I leave you with a portion of a poem to reflect upon by John Gould Fletcher. He was a Southerner who attended Harvard, wrote poetry with Ezra Pound, won a Pulitzer, lived long in England and finally returned home to reconnect with his roots.

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From Irradiations XXII

The morning is clean and blue and the wind blows up
the clouds.
Now my thoughts gathered from afar
Once again in the patched armour, with rusty plumes
and blunted swords,
Move out to war.

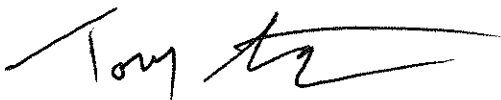
Smoking our morning pipes we shall ride two and two
Through the woods.
For our old cause keeps us together,
And our hatred is so precious not death or defeat
can break it.

God willing, we shall this day meet that old enemy
Who has given us so many a good beating.
Thank God we have a cause worth fighting for,
And a cause worth losing and a good song to sing.

I ask what cause then are we elected to defend – tyranny disguised as Social Justice or other fleeting notions of Progressivism? No. It is the eternal cause of individual liberty for all South Carolinians – a cause born in our old Commons House of Assembly long before we were a state and a cause that continues to this day.

I will miss that certainty of purpose, of fighting for liberty, and my compatriots who are here no more. I will miss each of my constituents, colleagues and House staff members who deserve more thanks than they receive.

In the service of South Carolina,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy Stringer". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tommy Stringer

cc: Charles Reid, Clerk of the House