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A senate RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR Mr. Thomas H. Wright, Sr. for his time as Councilman for the City of Easley and for his service to the people and the State of South Carolina.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Mr. Thomas H. Wright, Sr. for his service as a City of Easley councilman; and

Whereas, Mr. Wright was born April 6, 1931. He is a graduate of Simpson High School in Easley, South Carolina; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Army, he served in Japan during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged; and

Whereas, upon his return to the United States, Mr. Wright enrolled in college at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, where he received his Bachelor of Science in Business Education and his Master of Education degree. He completed additional graduate work toward his Educational Specialist degree at Clemson University; and

Whereas, Mr. Wright served for thirty-four years as a business education teacher at Westside High School in Anderson. Upon retirement, he returned to his hometown of Easley to do community work; and

Whereas, Mr. Wright became the first African American person to serve on the Easley City Council. He is a graduate of the Local Government Institute provided by the statewide Municipal Association of South Carolina in conjunction with Clemson University and the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Wright is married to Mrs. Alfreida Hunter Wright, and together they have two children, the late Mr. Thomas H. Wright, Jr., and Ms. Octavia Y. Wright, Esq.; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, Mr. Wright is an active member of Easley Chapel United Methodist Church. He serves in the choir and is secretary of the UMC; and

Whereas, a civic leader, he is a lifetime member of the Pickens County Branch of the NAACP, where he served for many years as its Treasurer; and

Whereas, Mr. Wright has also served as the Secretary of the Progressive Masonic Grand Lodge #424; a member of the Scholarship Committee of Piedmont Masonic District 3; a manager of the Anderson County Teachers Federal Credit Union; the Vice Chairman of Pickens County Meals on Wheels; a member of the American Legion, Post 52; and

Whereas, over the years, Mr. Wright has received a number of honors and awards, including the Hall of Fame Award in 2021 from the Clearview Simpson Heritage Foundation; and

Whereas, Mr. Wright celebrates his ninety-second birthday on April 6, 2023; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the dedication and commitment that Mr. Wright has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Mr. Thomas H. Wright, Sr. for his time as councilman for the City of Easley and for his service to the people and the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Thomas H. Wright, Sr.

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