**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. TED WACHTER, PRINCIPAL OF ROSEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN COLUMBIA, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT ON JUNE 30, 2010, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina General Assembly honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great State’s most precious resource, its children; and

Whereas, Dr. Ted Wachter, retiring principal of Rosewood Elementary School in Columbia, stands among their number as an outstanding educator, one much admired in his capacity as both administrator and role model for his students; and

Whereas, born in New York City, Ted Wachter began postsecondary preparation for his life’s work at the City College of New York, where he earned his bachelor’s degree. Completion of a master’s degree from Brown University and a doctorate from the University of South Carolina followed; and

Whereas, after earning his master’s degree, Dr. Wachter joined the Peace Corps, serving in Malaysia as social science chairman in the UNESCO Secondary School Project. He came to Richland County School District One’s Rosewood Elementary in 1976 from Jasper County, where he had been an assistant to the superintendent; and

Whereas, he has served at Rosewood Elementary ever since, with the exception of a sabbatical leave in the mid 1980s, which he spent in Indonesia as an education specialist for the World Bank, and in the late 1980s, when he served as principal of Rhame Elementary School in Irmo. Under Dr. Wachter’s leadership, Rosewood Elementary consistently has been ranked as one of Richland One’s highest‑achieving schools; and

Whereas, a licensed professional counselor, Dr. Wachter has taught sociology at the University of South Carolina and at the men’s prison in Columbia. In addition, he has long been active on the Rosewood Neighborhood Council; and

Whereas, currently the longest‑serving principal in Richland One, Dr. Wachter has announced that he will retire on June 30, 2010. During his well‑earned retirement, the General Assembly hopes he will find himself more frequently able to enjoy handyman jobs around the house and yard, as prescribed by his wife, Jan Collins; pursue his love of reading; and keep up with sons Paul and Patrick, stepdaughter Jennifer Rennicks, stepson Sean Stucker, and his many friends; and

Whereas, having made his mark and set the bar of achievement extraordinarily high in his profession, Ted Wachter, beloved by students, parents, faculty, and staff, will be remembered with affection and gratitude for many years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Dr. Ted Wachter, principal of Rosewood Elementary School in Columbia, upon the occasion of his retirement on June 30, 2010, commend him for his many years of dedicated service as an educator, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Ted Wachter.

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