**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE SINCERE SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE DEATH OF DR. NOBLE P. COOPER OF RICHLAND COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND TO HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina were saddened to learn of the passing of a fine son of our great State, Dr. Noble P. Cooper, on April 9, 2010; and

Whereas, the son of the late Ada Sawyer Cooper and Dr. Henry H. Cooper, he was born in Columbia on July 14, 1929, and graduated with honors from Booker T. Washington High School; and

Whereas, he graduated *cum laude* from Johnson C. Smith University in 1950 and completed a doctorate in dental surgery at Howard University’s School of Dentistry in 1954; and

Whereas, upon graduation, Dr. Cooper was chosen to participate in a special career program with the United States Air Force and served as chief of one of the dental clinics at the 6110th United States Air Force Hospital in Nagoya, Japan; and

Whereas, in 1956, he opened a dental practice in the historic Waverly community, and with civil rights more than an ideal he espoused, he accepted civic responsibility and united with Rev. I. DeQuincy Newman to overturn segregation in South Carolina; and

Whereas, serving on over twenty boards and a member of even more civic organizations, he paved the way for many other African Americans to play a significant role in their communities; and

Whereas, Dr. Cooper promoted the careers of over one hundred dentists when he established associate relationships and allowed his office to be used as a resource to train dental students for the South Carolina Examination Board; and

Whereas, for more than thirty years, he volunteered with the Richland County Children’s Clinic to provide dental services for those who were unable to afford it; and

Whereas, Dr. Cooper also served his professional community as treasurer of the Congaree Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association for twenty years, as president of the Palmetto Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association (PMDPA), and as the chairman of PMDPA’s dental section for fifteen years; and

Whereas, for over twenty years, he practiced dentistry with his eldest son and witnessed phenomenal technological advances as the computer revolutionized dentistry, air‑driven medical equipment transformed dental techniques, and modern medicines brought new dimensions to the dental field; and

Whereas, with his beloved wife Carole, he raised three fine sons: Dr. Noble P. Cooper, Jr., of Columbia; Dr. Ford S. Cooper of Charlotte; and Martin D. Cooper of London, England; who blessed them with seven adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the high standards that Dr. Noble P. Cooper brought to his professional, civic, and personal life and celebrate the lasting legacy that this truly noble gentleman has left to the Palmetto State. 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, express their sincere sorrow upon the death of Dr. Noble P. Cooper of Richland County, and extend their deepest sympathy to his loving family and to his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Carole Jenkins Cooper for the family.

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