**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR DR. PAMELA M. WILSON ON THE OCCASION OF HER INAUGURATION AS THE TWENTY‑FOURTH PRESIDENT OF ALLEN UNIVERSITY.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Dr. Pamela M. Wilson will be inaugurated on March 29, 2012, as the twenty‑fourth president of Columbia’s Allen University, the first female ever to serve in that position in the 142‑year history of the university; and

Whereas, a strategic and visionary leader, Dr. Wilson has led Allen University through an intensive period of stabilization and improved accountability since her appointment in August 2010; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, Pamela Wilson earned a bachelor’s degree in English communications from Voorhees College in Denmark, a master’s degree in English and American literature from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana, and a doctorate in English with an emphasis in rhetoric and composition and a concentration in business and administrative communication from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio; and

Whereas, an experienced administrator and professor of English, Dr. Wilson has served Allen University since 2006. Prior to her appointment as president, she served as Allen’s chair for the Division of Humanities and Social Science, associate vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, and executive vice president. Before joining the faculty of Allen University, Dr. Wilson taught at Georgia Southern University, Virginia State University, Ohio State University, and Indiana State University; and

Whereas, the Blair native is the recipient of several honors, including the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Excellence in Teaching Award, and she is listed in Who’s Who Among Teachers in American Colleges and Universities; and

Whereas, a member of multiple national and international honor societies, Dr. Wilson serves actively with her local and state chambers of commerce, the World Affairs Council, South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, Benedict‑Allen Community Development Corporation, United Negro College Fund, and Junior Achievement of South Carolina; and

Whereas, she is also a six‑year veteran of the South Carolina Army National Guard, as well as of its Indiana counterpart; and

Whereas, married to Gregory Wilson, Dr. Wilson and her husband are the proud parents of a daughter and two sons; and

Whereas, grateful for her outstanding leadership, the Senate takes great pleasure in congratulating Dr. Wilson on her inauguration as president of Allen University, and the members wish her well in all her future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor Dr. Pamela M. Wilson on the occasion of her inauguration as the twenty‑fourth president of Allen University.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Pamela M. Wilson.

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