**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. BEN H. DAVIS, JR., PRESIDENT AND CEO OF GREENWOOD’S CONNIE MAXWELL CHILDREN’S HOME, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate has learned that Dr. Ben H. Davis, Jr., president and CEO of Greenwood’s Connie Maxwell Children’s Home, will retire on September 1, 2014, from a distinguished career at that institution spanning more than two decades, the past twelve years in his present position; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, Ben Davis earned his bachelor’s degree in English with a minor in business administration from Furman University, followed by a master’s degree in Christian counseling from Christian Bible College. He received his doctorate from North Greenville University; and

Whereas, beloved for his humanitarian spirit, he took up his duties at Connie Maxwell Children’s Home in 1993 as vice president for business and development. In 2002, he became president and CEO of the home and has served in that position to the present day; and

Whereas, this native of Charlotte, North Carolina, is a licensed realtor and former owner and president of a communications corporation; and

Whereas, Dr. Davis has always believed strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community and the broader community of South Carolina in numerous capacities. These include service as a member of Fountain Inn City Council (1972‑1975) and as mayor of Fountain Inn (1975‑1979, 1987‑1995). In addition, he is past president of the South Carolina Broadcasters Association, Fountain Inn Lions Club, Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce, South Greenville Hospital Advisory Board, North Greenville College Advisory Board, Southeastern Child Care Association, and Baptist Child Care Executives. He is a former member of many other boards and organizations and also has served in the U.S. Army Reserve; and

Whereas, currently, he is a member of the Webb Family Ministries Board, American Legion, Masons, Shriners, First Foundations Inc. Board, Palmetto Bank Community Board, Rotary Club, and Palmetto Association for Children and Families Board; and

Whereas, in recognition of his achievements, he has received numerous honors, among them the Simpsonville Jaycees’ Distinguished Service Award, Pleasantburg Lions Club’s Lion of the Year Award, South Carolina Baptist Convention’s Media Award, School District of Greenville County’s Superintendent’s Award, and Palmetto Association of Children and Families’ Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas, this ordained Baptist minister is a member of Connie Maxwell Baptist Church, where he has served in the past as chairman of the board of deacons, Sunday School teacher, and chairman of numerous committees; and

Whereas, the Senate, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Dr. Davis has bestowed on this great State, takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement and trusts he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Dr. Ben H. Davis, Jr., president and CEO of Greenwood’s Connie Maxwell Children’s Home, upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his many years of dedicated service, 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. Ben Davis.

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