**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE O. DAVIE BURGDORF, MASTER‑IN‑EQUITY FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BENCH, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate have learned that the Honorable O. Davie Burgdorf will begin a well‑deserved retirement after many years of faithful and outstanding service to the citizens of the Palmetto State, the past twenty‑seven years as a master-in-equity; and

Whereas, born in Columbia to Olin Karl and Louise Turner Burgdorf, O. Davie Burgdorf is the devoted husband of the former Jan Johnson of Spartanburg; proud father of Davie, Heath Owen, and Olin; and delighted grandfather of seven; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, he earned a bachelor’s degree in history at Davidson College in 1970, followed by graduation from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1973. While pursuing his legal education, he was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves (1970‑1974); and

Whereas, having practiced law as a sole practitioner for some years, O. Davie Burgdorf in 1986 was appointed Master‑in‑Equity for Orangeburg County, where he has since served with honor and distinction. With a strong belief in and commitment to community service, during the years he practiced law he served as Chairman of the Orangeburg County Board of Education, attorney for the Town of Springfield, and member of the Springfield Municipal Election Commission. He also taught business law, math, management, and other courses at Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College and was executive director of the O‑C Tech Foundation; and

Whereas, a man of faith, Davie Burgdorf finds his spiritual strength through membership at Springfield United Methodist Church. He enjoys traveling, spending time at his home at Edisto Beach, driving his tractor, and restoring British sports cars, especially his 1967 Austin Healey, which he hopes to have completed by his seventy‑fifth birthday; and

Whereas, to honor him at his retirement, his colleagues, family, and friends will host a surprise drop‑in celebration, to be held February 4, 2013, at the Orangeburg County Courthouse; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the legacy of leadership Judge Burgdorf has bestowed on this great State and appreciates the long and enduring guidance he has given to the citizens of South Carolina. The members take 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, recognize and commend the Honorable O. Davie Burgdorf, Master‑in‑Equity for the First Judicial Circuit, upon the occasion of his retirement from the bench, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable O. Davie Burgdorf.

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