**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE BEST WISHES AND APPRECIATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO CONGRATULATE WILLIAM R. LONG, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MUSIC AND BAND DIRECTOR AT NEWBERRY COLLEGE, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that the William L. Long will begin a well‑deserved retirement after forty‑eight years as a premier music educator, the last twenty‑one of which have been as a distinguished and highly‑regarded band director at Newberry College; and

Whereas, Professor Bill Long was reared in Newell, South Dakota. He earned a B.S. degree in music education at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, South Dakota in 1965, and an M.A. degree from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley in 1969. He subsequently taught and served as a band director for twenty‑seven years in the public schools of South Dakota and Montana; and

Whereas, in 1992, William R. Long joined the Newberry College music faculty, and his musical talents, winsome personality, and motivational skills immediately made him a healthy and welcome influence on the Newberry College campus. During his tenure, he was twice named Professor of the Year and served as director of marching bands, symphonic bands, various brass ensembles, and the Jazz Big Band, as well as director of the Newberry College Jazz Festival, all of which have increased tremendously in size and quality under his expertise and supervision; and

Whereas, during his outstanding career, Mr. Long has conducted over seven hundred and fifty band performances; Now, therefore;

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their best wishes and appreciation and congratulate William R. Long, Associate Professor of Music and Band Director at Newberry College, on the occasion of his retirement, and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

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