**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE COLONEL THOMAS R. DION, P.E., P.L.S., PROFESSOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING FOR THE CITADEL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR MORE THAN THIRTY‑SEVEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives has learned that in January 2014 Colonel Thomas R. Dion, P.E., P.L.S., professor of civil engineering for The Citadel, will begin a well‑deserved retirement after more than thirty‑seven years of meritorious service to higher education in South Carolina; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, Summerville native Thomas R. Dion graduated from The Citadel in 1968 with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. Having served three years in the U.S. Navy, he returned to the States in 1973 to complete his master’s degree in civil engineering at Clemson. After working a few years as an engineering consultant, he joined the faculty of The Citadel’s Department of Civil Engineering in 1976; and

Whereas, over the course of his career, Colonel Dion has served with a distinction that has earned him the respect of all who have had the privilege of working with him. His contributions have been many and worthy of that esteem. Among other accomplishments, he has published two editions of his *Land Development for Civil Engineers*, he owns patents in the United States and beyond, and he has authored more than sixty publications and presentations to educational and technical conferences; and

Whereas, in addition, he served as faculty advisor to the ASCE Student Chapter for a decade, for all of which years the student chapter received national recognition. He served his community as an elected official with the Town of Summerville Commission of Public Works, and he has given extensive service both to the South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors and South Carolina Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, both of which recently have bestowed on him their Lifetime Service Award; and

Whereas, to faculty and students alike, he is known as a caring man of faith, one who loves The Citadel and who has dedicated his life to helping people realize their potential as civil engineers; and

Whereas, numbered among manifold awards for his fine achievements are Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award for The Citadel (1989) and The Citadel Board of Visitors’ Palmetto Medal (2010), the highest award given by that body; and

Whereas, in 2011, Colonel Dion received the ASCE South Carolina Section’s LeTellier Cup for his commitment and contributions to the civil engineering profession. Most recently, he received The Citadel’s 2013 Harry Saxe Teaching Award for excellence in engineering education, exemplary teaching, and exceptional service to students. Further, an endowment has been established at The Citadel in his honor; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent dedication and excellence Colonel Dion has bestowed on this great State, the House of Representatives 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 House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Colonel Thomas R. Dion, P.E., P.L.S., professor of civil engineering for The Citadel, upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for more than thirty‑seven years of distinguished service to the State of South Carolina, and extend best wishes for continued success and fulfillment in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Colonel Thomas R. Dion.

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