**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOHN QUINCY “JOHNNY” HUDSON, JR., OF AIKEN COUNTY AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR FORTY YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE AS AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE WAGENER TOWN COUNCIL AND FOR HIS LIFELONG DEDICATION TO SERVING OTHERS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to recognize the dedication of citizens like John Quincy Hudson, Jr., who so faithfully serve their fellow citizens; and

Whereas, born in Wagener on March 6, 1941, Johnny Hudson is one of two sons and four daughters born to Hazel Ashmore Hudson and John Quincy Hudson, Sr.; and

Whereas, he graduated as the salutatorian of his class from A. L. Corbett Public School in 1959 and then successfully completed Voorhees Junior College in Denmark with honors in 1961; and

Whereas, after serving in the United States Army with honor and distinction during the Vietnam War as a helicopter medic and as a military policeman, he received further education at the University of South Carolina‑Aiken and began employment with the Aiken School District as a Social Worker and later with Aiken County Head Start, subsequently moving to the preeminent department store in Wagener, Tyler Brothers; and

Whereas, Johnny Hudson offered for the Wagener Town Council in 1973 with a desire to serve his community and was elected then and every other election for Town Council since, forty years later, and he now also serves as mayor pro tem; and

Whereas, in addition to his elected duties, Mr. Hudson, humble and soft‑spoken, has received numerous awards for his dedication and service to the community, including “Man of the Year” Award Lexicon Lodge #185, loyalty and dedication to the Wagener Youth Athletic League, and the Humanitarian Award-Black History Month, for which he was twice honored; and

Whereas, he has also served on the United Way of Aiken County and is a faithful member of Saron Baptist Church, where he continues to serve, and has been recognized for his dedicated Christian Service and commitment to the ministry of music helping found the Cedar Branch Association Choir; and

Whereas, a member of the class of Leadership Aiken County, he also has served as an executive board member of A. L. Corbett Alumni Chapter, and he is a life member of Modern Free and Accepted Masons of the World, Inc., a Supreme Council member, Worshipful Master of Omicron Lodge #181, and has been elected State Grand Master; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Malcoretta Tyler Hudson, he reared three fine children: Keena H. Bynem, Reverend Marlon Hudson, and Alisha Scott‑Hudson. Their children have abundantly blessed them with six adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the faithful service that Johnny Hudson has given to his community and are grateful for his forty years of dedication on the Wagener Town Council. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor John Quincy “Johnny” Hudson, Jr., of Aiken County and commend him for forty years of devoted service as an elected member of the Wagener Town Council and for his lifelong dedication to serving others.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to John Quincy “Johnny” Hudson, Jr.

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