**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE MR. ROBERT RICKETTS, ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR FACILITIES AND GROUNDS AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, UPON HIS RETIREMENT AND TO WISH HIM WELL IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, Mr. Robert Ricketts, Associate Athletic Director for Facilities and Grounds at Clemson University, will be retiring in May 2013 after thirty‑seven years of service, twenty‑seven of which were in athletics; and

Whereas, an Anderson, South Carolina native, Robert spent nine years working for Clemson in the auditing and accounting departments. During these nine years, one of his main duties was the audit for the athletic department; and

Whereas, he worked in the University’s financial management division in accounting control and payroll benefits between 1976 and 1977, then worked in the internal auditing division as an auditor between 1977 and 1980. In 1980, he was named Audit Supervisor, a position he held until February 1985. He was the athletic department’s chief financial officer from 1985‑2003; and

Whereas, although still involved in many aspects of athletic department finances, Robert’s primary focus shifted to athletic facilities dealing with new construction and renovations. During his tenure the landscape of the Clemson Athletic Department has changed. In the athletic district, the West End Zone and the Indoor Football Facility are just two landmark accomplishments that were made because of his efforts; and

Whereas, he has also been responsible for the maintenance of facilities and grounds and he also supervises event management; and

Whereas, Robert earned an Associate of Arts degree from Anderson College in 1969 and a Business Administration degree from Erskine College in 1971. After his graduation from Erskine, he entered merchandise management with the J.C. Penny Company of Greenville and Anderson from 1972 to 1976 76 until he began his career with Clemson University in May 1976; and

Whereas, Robert and his wife, Kathey, are the proud parents of son, Chesley, and daughter, Lindsey; and

Whereas, Robert will be fondly missed and remembered for his outstanding service to Clemson University. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Mr. Robert Ricketts, Associate Athletic Director for Facilities and Grounds at Clemson University, upon his retirement and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Robert Ricketts and Clemson University.

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