**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR OLIVER KERMIT MCCARTER, JR., FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR STATE AND TO THE LIVES OF GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS AND CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED THE 2013 SOUTH CAROLINA SPEECH‑LANGUAGE‑HEARING ASSOCIATION’S AMBASSADOR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to pause in their deliberations to express their appreciation for the exceptional public service and profoundly positive community impact of Oliver Kermit McCarter, Jr.; and

Whereas, born in Charleston, Kermit McCarter spent his formative years in Columbia before graduating from high school in New Jersey where his father was employed; and

Whereas, he returned to South Carolina to attend Furman University and earned a bachelor’s degree in history in 1959; and

Whereas, as a high school teacher, Mr. McCarter taught history, geography, and drama for four decades at Orangeburg High School and Orangeburg‑Wilkinson High School; and

Whereas, he spent one year in Thailand as part of the Grace International School, teaching the children of missionaries in Southeast Asia; and

Whereas, Mr. McCarter serves faithfully within his church and is instrumental in helping children through the “Christmas Child” program, and he continues to be an avid reader as well as a book and coin collector; and

Whereas, he has been married for fifty‑three years to his devoted wife, Mary McCarter, and has one son, two step sons, and six loving grandchildren; and

Whereas, after suffering a stroke in February 2012 that led him to seek rehabilitation services for language skills, Kermit McCarter was named the South Carolina Speech‑Language‑Hearing Association’s Ambassador for 2013. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Oliver Kermit McCarter, Jr., for his contributions to our State and to the lives of generations of students and congratulate him on being named the 2013 South Carolina Speech‑Language‑Hearing Association’s Ambassador.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Oliver Kermit McCarter, Jr.

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