**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. FRANKLIN G. MASON FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL AND FOR HIS EFFORTS TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ON VISION AND HEARING IMPAIRMENT THROUGHOUT SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Dr. Franklin G. Mason has been a trendsetter in raising awareness regarding Lions Clubs and Lionism in South Carolina for over sixty years; and

Whereas, Dr. Mason has exceptionally represented South Carolina Lionism at the local, state, national and international levels; and

Whereas, Dr. Mason has been a member of the Mullins Lions Club since 1953 with thirty-four years of perfect attendance; and

Whereas, Dr. Mason has held many positions in the Mullins Lions Club including club president, zone chairman, and district governor; and

Whereas, Dr. Mason was also president of the South Carolina Lions, Inc., the South Carolina Lions Eye Bank, and is a member of the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Dr. Mason was elected to serve a two-year term as director of The International Association of Lions Clubs in 1988; and

Whereas, for his service to the Lions Club, Dr. Mason has received the Senior Master Key award, two District Governor Extension awards, the 100% District Governor award, two International Leadership awards, four International President’s awards, the 1977 South Carolina Lion of the Year award and the Ambassador of Good Will award, the highest honor given by the association to its members; and

Whereas, Dr. Mason is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow; and

Whereas, in addition to his involvement with the Lions Club, Dr. Mason has been a fellow in both the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists, is past president of the South Carolina Dental Association, and is a past chairman of the board of trustees of the Charleston Southern University; and

Whereas, Dr. Mason is a past recipient of the Mullins Outstanding Community Service award; and

Whereas, Dr. Mason is a dentist practicing in Mullins, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Dr. Mason has made it his goal to educate the community on the issues of vision and hearing impairment in local communities throughout South Carolina through his involvement with Campaign SightFirst; and

Whereas, Dr. Mason has personally raised over $100,000 in support of these efforts. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate recognize and honor Dr. Franklin G. Mason for his involvement with the Lions Club International and for his efforts to educate the community on vision and hearing impairment throughout South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. Franklin G. Mason.

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