**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THOMAS R. RIVERS FOR HIS LONG AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF BARNWELL COUNTY AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR TWENTY YEARS OF SELFLESS DEDICATION AS MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF WILLISTON.

Whereas, the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina are pleased to express their appreciation to those in the Palmetto State, such as Thomas R. Rivers, who give of their time and talents to serve the people of South Carolina; and

Whereas, born in Fairfield County on March 12, 1941, he is the son of Mildred Boulware Rivers and David Rion Rivers. Thomas Rivers graduated from the College of Pharmacy at the University of South Carolina in 1965 and has remained a proud and avid member of the Gamecock Club for forty‑seven years; and

Whereas, he served on the board of Barnwell School District 29 from 1976 to 1988 and on the Williston Town Council from 1989 to 1992, and in 1986, he was named Williston Citizen of the Year; and

Whereas, he has served on several committees for the South Carolina Pharmacy Association, and in 1992, he was awarded the Bowl of Hygeia by the South Carolina Pharmacy Association for his civic leadership; and

Whereas, from 1993 until 2013, he faithfully served as the mayor of the Town of Williston, and from 2009 to 2012, he served on the South Carolina Municipal Association Board; and

Whereas, a devoted member of Williston United Methodist Church, he has served on numerous church committees and also on several civic organizations in Barnwell County; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of fifty‑two years, Mary McCright Rivers, they have owned and operated Rivers Pharmacy in Williston since 1970; and

Whereas, the Rivers’ reared three fine children: Dave Rivers, Chris Rivers, and Martha Rivers Davisson who have blessed their parents with eight adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the devoted service that Thomas Rivers has rendered to the citizens of Fairfield County and for his lifelong legacy of excellence. 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 Thomas R. Rivers for his long and outstanding service to the citizens of Barnwell County and commend him for twenty years of selfless dedication as mayor of the Town of Williston.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Thomas R. Rivers.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑