**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MR. NORMAN F. PULLIAM, SR. FOR THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND AND THE WALKER FOUNDATION.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Senate honor Mr. Norman F. Pulliam, Sr. for his many years of outstanding service to the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind (SCSDB) and the Walker Foundation; and

Whereas, Mr. Pulliam has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the students served by the SCSDB, serving as a member of the Board of Commissioners from 1986 to 2006, and currently on The Walker Foundation Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, under his leadership at the SCSDB, the school has been recognized as an outstanding school by multiple educational, advocacy, and history preservation organizations. Mr. Pulliam led the school through substantial facility improvements, increased funding from public, private, and corporate sources, expanded outreach services and partnerships, and led significant legislative initiatives to benefit the school’s students and staff; and

Whereas, in 2006, Mr. Pulliam established the Norman F. Pulliam Scholarship Award at the school. Given annually to three graduates, the scholarship is used to help advance each student’s education; and

Whereas, in addition to his service to the SCSDB, Mr. Pulliam has been extensively involved in other organizations throughout his community, including the Spartanburg Development Council, the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the Spartanburg Boys Home, the Spartanburg Girls Home, the American Red Cross, the Spartanburg Arts Council, the Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Limestone College, the Spartanburg Regional Hospital Foundation, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the Clemson Board of Visitors, and the Clemson Alumni Association; and

Whereas, throughout his career in recognition of his service, Mr. Pulliam has received several awards, including the Philanthropist of the Year Award from the Piedmont Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Distinguished Service Award from the South Carolina Federation of the Blind, the South Carolina Order of the Palmetto, and the Clemson Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas, Mr. Pulliam is a 1964 graduate of Clemson University. He served as president of the Student Senate, the Blue Key Honor Society, and was a winner of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, given to students in recognition of their service to campus and community. He received a master’s degree in business administration from Harvard University in 1967; and

Whereas, Mr. Pulliam served as president of Pulliam Investment, a real estate investment firm, for more than twenty years. He provided the endowment for the Clemson Master of Real Estate Development program. He is a co-founder of First National Bank of Spartanburg; and

Whereas, Mr. Pulliam lives in Spartanburg with his wife Jo. They have three grown children and three grandchildren. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Mr. Norman F. Pulliam, Sr. for thirty years of dedicated service to the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind and The Walker Foundation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Norman F. Pulliam, Sr.

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