**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. JAMES W. “JIM” GOETTLE OF BEAUFORT COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that distinguished and highly regarded physician Dr. James W. “Jim” Goettle of Beaufort County will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on July 1, 2015; and

Whereas, born in the first quarter of the twentieth century, he has witnessed many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have spanned the globe from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, after graduating in 1943 from the prestigious Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana, Jim Goettle served with distinction in the United States Army as a pilot in the field artillery during World War II with time in the European Theater; and

Whereas, he was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant in 1946, and after he earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1949, he married his beloved Bette on June 10, 1950, in Cincinnati; and

Whereas, in 1953, Dr. Goettle completed a medical degree at his alma mater and began a family medicine practice in Tulare, California, in 1955, where he and his devoted wife reared four fine children: Kim, Brad, Dana, and Brooks; and

Whereas, with an abiding commitment to his community, he served as a member of the Tulare Chamber of Commerce, on the California Blue Shield and the Tulare Recreation boards of directors, and as president of the Tulare Kiwanis Club, the Tulare County Medical Society, and the Tulare County Foundation for Medical Care; and

Whereas, honored as the Tulare Man of the Year, Dr. Goettle served as the president of the Alcohol Center for Teenagers and on the board of trustees of First Congregational Church while continuing his family practice until 1991 when he and his wife moved to Beaufort; and

Whereas, in Beaufort, Dr. Goettle served as chairman of the Family Medicine Practice at Naval Hospital Beaufort for five years, and since his semi‑retirement, he has worked at Doctors Care in Beaufort, an organization he helped establish in the community, and at Beaufort‑Jasper‑Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Inc.; and

Whereas, he has been a long‑standing member of a team of generous physicians who selflessly provide medical services through the Good Neighbor Free Medical Clinic to those people in Beaufort who would be without medical care if the clinic were not available; and

Whereas, Dr. Goettle’s dedicated community service has included serving on the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce from 1992 to 1997, as a precinct chairman of the Beaufort County Republican Party, and as stewardship chairman of St. Helena’s Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to honor Dr. Jim Goettle at the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and join with his family and friends in congratulating him on reaching this extraordinary milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, congratulate Dr. James W. “Jim” Goettle of Beaufort County on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. James W. “Jim” Goettle.

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