**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND MR. LEON LOVE, CHAIRPERSON OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION, FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE.

Whereas, those who give of their time for the betterment of their individual communities deserve to be publicly recognized for their outstanding contributions in making the Palmetto State a better place to live; and

Whereas, Leon Love has devoted the last ten years as vice chairperson and chairperson of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission to champion the importance of identifying, recording, and preserving the African American experience in South Carolina; and

Whereas, born in York to Leon and Zelder Love, Leon Love is the eldest of their nine children; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, Mr. Love earned a bachelor of science degree in social sciences from Claflin College and pursued graduate studies both at the University of South Carolina and Webster University; and

Whereas, evidencing a lifelong commitment to building families and promoting high self-esteem, Mr. Woods worked for the South Carolina Department of Social Services for over thirty years and then at South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness from the time of its inception in 1999 to his retirement. After retirement, Mr. Woods continued serving his community as an education and human services consultant; and

Whereas, Mr. Love is married to the former Nancy Faye Sanders, and they are the very proud parents of two children and adoring grandparents of two grandchildren; and

Whereas, it is with great pride that the members of the General Assembly laud Mr. Leon Love for his dedication to the State and nation and speak with a single voice for the countless others whose lives have benefited from his strength and wisdom. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, commend Mr. Leon Love, Chairperson of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission, for his distinguished public service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Leon Love.

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