**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. THOMAS F. MOORE, CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE, AND TO COMMEND HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE AND IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the passionate leadership that Dr. Thomas F. Moore has demonstrated since becoming chancellor of the University of South Carolina Upstate (USC Upstate) on August 1, 2011; and

Whereas, a native of Alabama, Dr. Moore earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama, and a doctorate in inorganic chemistry from the University of South Carolina and has attended professional development programs at Harvard, Yale, and Northwestern universities; and

Whereas, in 1978, he began his career in higher education, now spanning more than three decades, as assistant professor of chemistry at Georgia Southern College in Statesboro, Georgia, where he taught until 1981; and

Whereas, from 1981 to 1986, Dr. Moore served on the faculty at Birmingham‑Southern College, first as an assistant professor of chemistry and later as associate professor and director of the Honors Program; and

Whereas, he joined Winthrop University in 1986 as chair of the department of chemistry and physics, a position he held until 1994. In 1991, he became director of the Master of the Liberal Arts Program there. Dr. Moore served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 2001 until 2003 and represented faculty before Winthrop’s Board of Trustees from 1996 until 2000; and

Whereas, prior to coming to serve as chancellor at USC Upstate, he served as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Winthrop from 2003 until 2011; and

Whereas, under Dr. Moore’s leadership, USC Upstate has reached its highest student enrollment of six thousand and the highest occupancy ever in student housing, and the University has taken bold steps in community engagement in both the Spartanburg and the Greenville areas; and

Whereas, the USC Upstate Child Protection Training Center, located in the George Dean Johnson, Jr., College of Business and Economics, provides outstanding training for child‑protection workers to hone their skills in detection, reporting, and responding, while the UPSTATE Gallery on Main showcases the permanent work of Andy Warhol and presents a variety of contemporary, original exhibitions in downtown Spartanburg; and

Whereas, together with his wife, Marsha, Dr. Moore has reared two fine sons, Charlie and Kirk, and he is an accomplished amateur photographer and a golfing enthusiast; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values Dr. Moore’s promotion of access to the highest quality educational experiences while remaining affordable by balancing tuition and merit‑ and need‑based aid and being accountable to students, parents, and the community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. Thomas F. Moore, Chancellor of the University of South Carolina Upstate, and commend his significant contributions to higher education at the University of South Carolina Upstate and in the Palmetto State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Thomas F. Moore.

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