**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STEVEN DIAL OF RICHLAND COUNTY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING REPORTING IN THE MIDLANDS AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate have learned that journalist Steven Dial of the WLTX television station in Columbia soon will leave the Midlands to advance his impressive career with an exciting new opportunity in Jacksonville, Florida; and

Whereas, born at Fort Jackson in Columbia, Steven was reared in Decatur, Georgia. He returned to the Palmetto State to attend Claflin University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in mass communications with a concentration in digital media; and

Whereas, while he was attending Claflin, he worked as the host for the Time Warner game show *Health Factor*, as a reporter for the student‑run television station, and as the voice of the Claflin University men’s basketball team on WSSB radio 90.3FM. Dial distinguished himself at Claflin, serving as student government president in 2011, and winning the 2010 South Carolina Press Association Sports Article of the Year as a reporter for the university newspaper, *The Panther*; and

Whereas, in May 2011, Mr. Dial brought his journalistic expertise to the WLTX news team as a multimedia journalist. Although his talkative nature as a child sometimes invoked consternation among his school teachers, surely they would be proud to see how he deftly turned this trait into a successful career in communications; and

Whereas, when not busy reporting, Steven Dial enjoys watching sports, spending time with his family and friends, and serving as a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and

Whereas, after a distinguished tenure in the Midlands media market, Steven now will follow his motto, “Throw your heart over the bar, and your body will follow,” as he leaves South Carolina and WLTX for the opportunities and adventures before him; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the years of significant reporting that Steven Dial has provided viewing audiences in the Midlands, and the members wish him Godspeed as he moves to Jacksonville. 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 Steven Dial of Richland County for his outstanding reporting in the Midlands and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Steven Dial.

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