**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MIKE LEFEVER UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Mike LeFever upon the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities on August 31, 2018; and

Whereas, LeFever graduated from Presbyterian College cum laude and from the University of South Carolina with a Masters in Public Administration; and

Whereas, prior to assuming his position with South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, LeFever served as a principal in MG&C Consulting Services, LLC; as the director of four different state agencies, including the Workers’ Compensation Commission for thirteen years; and as Deputy Chief of Staff for Executive Office Programs and Cabinet Affairs for Governor Jim Hodges; and

Whereas, on January 2, 2008, LeFever was named President and CEO of South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities. In this role, he sought to advance independent higher education in South Carolina in collaboration with individual colleges and universities. During his tenure, he boasted substantial achievements for students through programs and funding, including over $5 million for student scholarships, student research projects, and teaching awards; $83.5 million in state merit and need‑based aid; and $73 million in federal grants annually; and

Whereas, a leader in his community, LeFever has also served as president of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions, president of the International Workers’ Compensation Foundation, president of the South Carolina Agency Directors Organization, chair of the National Youth Work Alliance, chair of the Center for Cancer Treatment and Research at Richland Memorial Hospital, president of Presbyterian College’s Alumni Association, and member of the Presbyterian College Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, given his many achievements, LeFever has been honored and recognized by a number of organizations, including the South Carolina Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration as 1986 and 2003 Public Administrator of the Year, Allen University with the Richard Allen Award, the Columbia College Board of Trustees, the Partnership Among South Carolina’s Academic Libraries, and Presbyterian College with the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award; and

Whereas, he is married to Malissa Burnette, and together, they have one daughter, Grant; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the passion and dedication that Mike LeFever has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Mike LeFever upon the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, commend him for his many years of dedicated public service, and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mike LeFever.

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