**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR H. NEYLE WILSON, PRESIDENT OF HORRY‑GEORGETOWN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT ON APRIL 1, 2017, AFTER FORTY‑SIX YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE AS TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate have learned that Neyle Wilson, president of Horry‑Georgetown Technical College (HGTC), will begin a well‑deserved retirement after forty‑six years as a premier educator and administrator with the college; and

Whereas, born in Sumter County, Neyle graduated from Clemson University in 1970 with a degree in forestry. Although Neyle had not intended to go into teaching, an economic downturn and the appeal of a job near the beach drew him to such an opportunity at Horry‑Georgetown Technical College, and his journey as an educator began. He quickly became hooked on teaching, fascinated by the older students from rural areas who had not gone to college, or had gone, and were looking for a second chance; and

Whereas, upon determining that education was the career he was made for, Neyle obtained his master’s degree in education administration from the University of South Carolina. After commitment and hard work, he became dean of continuing education. This position was followed by the role of vice president of academic affairs. After which, he was promoted to senior vice president of academic affairs and finance. He then moved into the appointment of interim president, and finally, president in 2002; and

Whereas, HGTC Area Commission Chairman Tommy Branyon speaks nothing but praises of the work Neyle has accomplished throughout his tenure. “President Wilson’s service has made the college financially sound, academically vibrant and responsive to job creation throughout the region. During Wilson’s fourteen years as President, he provided leadership that propelled the college to new heights. Under his watch, the college added nine new buildings, more than forty programs of study, and increased enrollment by two thousand seven hundred students. The Area Commission values his judgment, respects his intellect, and will sorely miss the context that his extensive experience provides as we continue to create opportunities for local citizens.” Tommy Branyon further commended Neyle’s “fine character and personal warmth, passion for the institution’s purpose and empathy for students”; and

Whereas, Neyle’s contributions have also been acknowledged by entities outside of the college. He has received such awards as the 2011 Vocational Award from the Rotary Club of Little River for more than four decades of dedicated service and he was named the South Carolina Technical College System Educator of the Year in 2005. He was additionally awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service from Coastal Carolina University during the December 2006 commencement ceremony; and

Whereas, he plans to spend many happy hours of retirement with his children in Atlanta and his wife, as well as enjoying hunting and fishing and other things he has always wished to do now that he will have the time; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Neyle has devoted to Horry‑Georgetown Technical College and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor H. Neyle Wilson, president of Horry‑Georgetown Technical College, upon the occasion of his retirement on April 1, 2017, after forty‑six years of exemplary service to the college as teacher and administrator, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to H. Neyle Wilson.

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