**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DAVID C. DORITY OF GREENWOOD COUNTY FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIONS CLUB IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO THE PALMETTO STATE.

Whereas, Lions Clubs International serves as the world’s largest service club organization, best known for fighting blindness among its many other community projects which provide care for the environment, feed the hungry, and aid seniors and the disabled; and

Whereas, the success of such a praiseworthy service organization depends on hardworking individuals and strong leadership on the local level, and in South Carolina, David C. Dority has provided such work and leadership in his service as a Lion; and

Whereas, a graduate of Clemson University and Erskine Theological Seminary, Mr. Dority became a member of the Mathews Lions Club in 2008 and has since served the organization in countless capacities, including as chaplin, vice president, and president; and

Whereas, David Dority’s contributions to the Lions quickly extended beyond the local level to include countless significant state and national leadership roles and activities. In 2017 he was elected as Council Chairperson for South Carolina Lions Multiple-District 32, encompassing the entire Palmetto State; and

Whereas, while serving as a board member for the South Carolina Lions Charitable Service and Foundation from 2015 to 2016, Mr. Dority received the International Leadership Medal from Lions Clubs International President Joe Preston and received the Silver Lions Dignity Award from Lions Clubs International. In 2016 he participated in the 38th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City; and

Whereas, for his countless contributions to the Lions and for being a leading champion of its efforts, the organization has honored Mr. Dority as a Melvin Jones Fellow, as a Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow, with the Lions Clubs International Membership Key, and as recipient of the International President’s Membership Achievement Award, among others; and

Whereas, despite the tremendous gift of time and hard work that he provides the Lions, Mr. Dority finds time to serve his community in other ways, including as volunteer at the Soup Kitchen and at the Greenwood County Library in the Adult Reading Program. He also is a faithful member of South Main Street Baptist Church in Greenwood; and

Whereas, together with Claudia, his beloved wife of forty‑six years, David Dority has reared two fine children, Hollie and Joseph, and has been blessed with treasured grandsons Jack, Ben, and Luke; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina is gratified to learn of the selfless service that David Dority devotes to the betterment of his community at the Palmetto State, particularly with respect to his service to the Lions Club and its commendable endeavors;. 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 David C. Dority of Greenwood County for his distinguished service and outstanding contributions to the Lions Club in South Carolina and to the Palmetto State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to David C. Dority.

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