**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE JOHN POTTER HAZZARD, V AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE SENATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the dedicated service that Mr. John Hazzard, their friend and colleague, has rendered to the body; and

Whereas, Mr. Hazzard received a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of South Carolina and a Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law; and

Whereas, Mr. Hazzard served the South Carolina Senate in a number of roles. He first joined Senate staff in August 1995 as Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee. He also served as Director of Research for the Senate Rules Committee, before continuing on to Chief of Staff and Counsel to the President Pro Tempore and Chief of Staff and Director of Research for the Senate Judiciary Committee. In these latter roles, he was responsible for procedural and legislative matters for the President Pro Tempore and members of the Senate, for advising the President Pro Tempore, and for overseeing the operations of the Judiciary Committee, including assisting the Judicial Merit Selection Commission. Mr. Hazzard joined the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office in December of 2016; and

Whereas, Mr. Hazzard has also served as Counsel for the South Carolina Hunley Commission since 1995. The Hunley Commission is charged with overseeing the recovery, conservation, and display of the H.L. Hunley submarine, which was the first submarine to sink an enemy ship in 1864. Mr. Hazzard also serves as an officer for the Friends of the Hunley, Inc. In 2000, Mr. Hazzard was asked to take a sabbatical from the South Carolina Senate to oversee all aspects of the maritime recovery of the H.L. Hunley submarine from off the coast of Charleston. The Hunley was recovered on August 8, 2000; and

Whereas, Mr. Hazzard also taught political science as an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Hazzard and his beautiful wife Sara reside in Columbia. John has a son John P. “Potter” Hazzard, VI and a daughter Alexandra York “Ali” Hazzard. They are members of Downtown Church in Columbia. John is a Gamecock football fan, and this has given him a substantial amount of humility and patience; and

Whereas, John is known for his keen intellect, his sharp wit, his political savvy, and his copious consumption of Diet Coke; and

Whereas, the Senate is grateful for the diligence and passion that Mr. John Hazzard has shown in serving the South Carolina Senate and the State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize John Potter Hazzard, V and commend him for his many years of outstanding service to the Senate of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to John Potter Hazzard, V.

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