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**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. JOHN F. CLARK, DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY OFFICE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina Senate honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great state’s citizenry; and

Whereas, Dr. John F. Clark, director of the South Carolina Energy Office, stands among their number as an outstanding public benefactor, one much admired in his role as both energy professional and author; and

Whereas, educated in the Kingstree public schools, John Clark, in further preparation for his life’s work, graduated from Davidson College and earned his doctorate at Syracuse University. He did additional study at the University of Paris and the University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and

Whereas, a U.S. Army veteran and graduate of Leadership South Carolina, Dr. Clark has worked in energy and other public‑policy activities for more than thirty years, including service as advisor to two South Carolina governors, staff for the U.S. House of Representatives and the South Carolina General Assembly, and executive director of public affairs for Santee Cooper. Before entering government service, he taught political science at Benedict College, the University of South Carolina, and the University of Florida; and

Whereas, among his many achievements in the energy field are the planning and writing of several pieces of state legislation, including the South Carolina Energy Conservation and Efficiency Act, the Atlantic Radioactive Waste Compact Implementation Act, and the South Carolina Energy Freedom Act. He served on Governor Mark Sanford’s Climate, Energy, and Commerce Advisory Committee, which developed a state response to climate‑change issues, and recently represented South Carolina in climate‑change dialogues with the United Kingdom; and

Whereas, his numerous leadership roles in community and state organizations have included service on the governing boards of the National Association of State Energy Officials, Palmetto Clean Energy, Greater Columbia Community Relations Council, College of Charleston Board of Trustees, South Carolina Sierra Club, Palmetto Economic Development Corporation, and South Carolina Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Alliance; and

Whereas, in appreciation for his years of service, he has received several awards, including the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor that may be bestowed on a civilian by the State of South Carolina, and the South Carolina Sierra Club Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas, outdoor enthusiasts will also recognize Dr. Clark as co‑author of two popular guidebooks pertaining to the Palmetto State, *Hiking South Carolina* and *Scenic Driving South Carolina*; and

Whereas, having made his mark and set the bar of achievement extraordinarily high in his profession, John Clark will be remembered with affection and gratitude by colleagues and legislative friends for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Dr. John F. Clark, director of the South Carolina Energy Office, upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his many years of dedicated service to the State of South Carolina, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. John F. Clark.

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