**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE UPON THE DEATH OF DR. DON C. GARRISON OF EASLEY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the Senate were saddened to learn of the death of former Tri‑County Technical College President Dr. Don C. Garrison on Saturday, February 27, 2010, at the age of seventy-five; and

Whereas, Dr. Garrison, who served as the second president of the Pendleton‑based school from 1971 until his retirement in 2003, passionately promoted the South Carolina Technical College System as the key to economic prosperity for the region and the State; and

Whereas, Dr. Garrison devoted his life and career to the cause of providing accessible, affordable, relevant, and quality educational options for the residents of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties; and

Whereas, Dr. Garrison began his career in education as a teacher and coach at Pendleton High School. He later went to Easley High School and then taught at Palmetto High School in Williamston. He worked at Greenville Technical College from 1963 to 1971 serving as Dean of Allied Health Sciences and evening Dean and the last two years as Interim President; and

Whereas, except for one year of teaching in Florida and three months as chancellor of the Texas State Technical Institute System in 1988, his entire career was spent as an educator in the Upstate; and

Whereas, having earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Furman University, he went on to receive a Doctorate in Education from Duke University in 1972; and

Whereas, in the course of Dr. Garrison’s tenure, Tri‑County Tech expanded from three buildings to fourteen, and it became a comprehensive, two‑year college offering twenty associate degrees, eight diplomas, and thirty-seven certificate programs; and

Whereas, Dr. Garrison is survived by his wife, Carol, one son, Donnie, and two grandsons; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper for the members of the Senate to pause in their deliberations to recognize the many good works of this fine South Carolinian. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That members of the Senate express their profound sorrow upon the death of Dr. Don C. Garrison of Easley and extend their deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Dr. Don C. Garrison.

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