**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE DR. STEPHEN W. HEFNER, SUPERINTENDENT OF RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the Senate are pleased to learn that Dr. Stephen Hefner will be honored on March 12, 2010, as he begins a much deserved retirement from Richland School District Two where he has faithfully served the students of his district during a remarkable and distinguished career; and

Whereas, Stephen Hefner earned a bachelor’s degree from Southeast Missouri State College, and he taught high school briefly before being drafted into the United States Army in 1970; and

Whereas, after receiving a master’s degree from the University of South Carolina in 1974, he served as a guidance counselor at Spring Valley High School and later earned a doctorate from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, he served the district as principal of Richland Northeast High School, director of staff development, director of gifted and talented programs, and associate superintendent for instruction before being named superintendent of Richland District Two in 1994; and

Whereas, during his time as superintendent, he has instituted numerous innovative programs in the district which include magnet centers and programs, choice options for parents and students, full‑day kindergarten, service learning, expanded arts offerings, and massive technology proposals; and

Whereas, Dr. Hefner has served on a wide variety of educational boards and was chosen to participate in the United States Department of State’s Fulbright seminar in Germany in 2000; and

Whereas, in 1995, he received the “Friend of Gifted Education” Award from the South Carolina Consortium for Gifted/Talented Education, and he was honored as the 1997 Educator of the Year by the South Carolina Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development and as the 2002 Superintendent of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators; and

Whereas, Dr. Hefner was named the “Distinguished Citizen of the Year” by the local Boy Scouts of America organization in 2003, received three national awards for leadership in technology education in 2005, and was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the state’s highest civilian honor, in 2009; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the long and distinguished career of Dr. Stephen W. Hefner and are pleased to learn that after more than three decades of service to education in South Carolina he will be enjoying his retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Dr. Stephen Hefner, superintendent of Richland School District Two, upon the occasion of his retirement, and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Stephen Hefner.

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