**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE DR. ROBERT L. WYATT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS INAUGURATION AS THE SIXTEENTH PRESIDENT OF COKER COLLEGE.

Whereas, on Saturday, March 27, 2010, Dr. Robert L. Wyatt will be inaugurated as the sixteenth president of Coker College in Hartsville; and

Whereas, formerly dean of the Drury University Breech School of Business Administration in Missouri, he directed the daily operations of the school, launching the Edward Jones Center for Entrepreneurship and successfully revising the curriculum to focus on required international study and internships; and

Whereas, during earlier teaching days at Drury, he was named a Sam Walton Fellow and co‑founded the university’s internationally acclaimed Students in Free Enterprise program. Prior to this time, he was dean of the McAfee School of Business Administration at Union University in Tennessee; and

Whereas, in 2007, Dr. Wyatt was selected as one of thirty‑seven American Council on Education Fellows to participate in a yearlong higher‑education leadership‑development program. Placed at Hendrix College in Arkansas, he worked closely with college administration in faculty governance, fundraising, enrollment, and institutional advancement; and

Whereas, Dr. Wyatt’s other professional honors include the Leavey Award for Excellence in Free Enterprise Education and induction into the Students in Free Enterprise Hall of Fame. He is also a recipient of the Jack Kahl Entrepreneurial Leadership Award, named for the visionary CEO and author of the book *Leading from the Heart*; and

Whereas, Dr. Wyatt holds a doctorate in accounting from the University of Memphis, a master’s degree in accounting from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Central Arkansas; and

Whereas, the Senate wishes to extend a cordial welcome to the Palmetto State to Dr. Wyatt, as well as to his wife, Nancy, and his daughter, Lara, as Dr. Wyatt takes up his new duties as president of Coker College. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and congratulate Dr. Robert L. Wyatt on the occasion of his inauguration as the sixteenth president of Coker College.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Robert L. Wyatt.

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