**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. LONNIE RANDOLPH, JR., OF COLUMBIA UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND TO EXPRESS THE GRATITUDE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR HIS MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS OF TIRELESS SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THAT COMMISSION.

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

Whereas, Dr. Lonnie Randolph, Jr., of Columbia stands high among their number as an outstanding public benefactor, one much admired in his role as a member and present chairman of the South Carolina Commission for Consumer Affairs, as well as for his labors as a doctor of optometry and community volunteer; and

Whereas, having completed his early education in the Columbia public schools, Lonnie Randolph attended Benedict College, where he studied biology. Continuing his education, he graduated in 1977 from the Southern College of Optometry with a doctor of optometry degree; and

Whereas, for over thirty years, more than ten of them as chair, Dr. Randolph has served with distinction on the Commission for Consumer Affairs, providing exemplary leadership and enthusiastic service; and

Whereas, during his tenure, his active participation, total involvement, and practical counsel on the commission have been of great assistance in the effective conduct of the many duties of the Department of Consumer Affairs; and

Whereas, Dr. Randolph’s positive impact on the commission has enabled the Department of Consumer Affairs to assist consumers in resolving legitimate complaints, while providing the public with the necessary facts and information needed to make the best purchase decisions possible; and

Whereas, his loyal support has assisted the commission and the department in winning widespread respect and confidence among South Carolina consumers and business and government leaders, and his leadership style has been informed by his strong understanding that knowledgeable consumers who make educated buying decisions help to reduce the number of complaints; and

Whereas, Dr. Randolph has maintained a private medical practice in Columbia over the past thirty‑one years. He is a former president of the South Carolina Optometric Association and has been previously recognized as Optometrist of the Year. While managing his practice, Dr. Randolph also has volunteered his services as the physician for Palmetto Health’s free eye clinic, which provides care for students in grades K through 12; and

Whereas, believing a man should be actively involved in his community, Dr. Randolph has served with several local organizations, including the University of South Carolina Citizens Advisory Council, Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, Columbia Free Medical Clinic as a board member, and South Carolina Commission for the Blind as a member of its Diabetes Task Force; and

Whereas, cognizant of his invaluable contributions to the people of South Carolina, the members of the General Assembly extend grateful thanks to Dr. Randolph for his many years of dedicated service as a member of the South Carolina Commission for Consumer Affairs. As he retires from his duties on the commission, the members of the General Assembly wish much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors to this distinguished son of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. Lonnie Randolph, Jr., of Columbia upon the occasion of his retirement from the South Carolina Commission for Consumer Affairs, and express the gratitude of the South Carolina General Assembly for his more than thirty years of tireless service as a member of that commission.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Lonnie Randolph, Jr.

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