**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR CLAYTON RICHARDSON OF HARTSVILLE FOR HIS MANY AND VARIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS STATE AND LOCAL COMMUNITY, AND TO RECOGNIZE HIS EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK, CULMINATING IN THE PEOPLE TO PEOPLE APPRECIATION EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010, AT CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN HARTSVILLE.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina Senate honors individuals who freely give of their time, talent, and resources for the good of others; and

Whereas, Clayton Richardson of Hartsville stands high among their number, much admired for his years of unceasing effort to make the Hartsville area in particular a better place to live; and

Whereas, Mr. Richardson was educated at Butler High School, Johnson C. Smith University, and Central Michigan University, which prepared him well for his military career; and

Whereas, retired from the United States Air Force, he has spent a great deal of his life volunteering and serving in numerous organizations for the betterment of the schools, environment, and the local communities; and

Whereas, in the past, Mr. Richardson participated in the following organizations with distinction: Communities in Schools, Darlington County Board (where he was instrumental in bringing CIS to Darlington County), Greater Northern District Council of Boy Scouts of America, Darlington County Palmetto Community Forums Project, Hartsville All America City Team, Concerned Citizens Group, and the Leadership Council of Hartsville; and

Whereas, he is currently active in the following organizations: Butler Heritage Foundation (charter member), Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce, People to People of Hartsville (co‑founder and vice president), Darlington County Coordinating Council (charter member), Hartsville Museum, Afro‑American Committee NAACP, Hartsville Park Committee, Care Innovations Advisory Board (chairman), and the South Hartsville Neighborhood Association; and

Whereas, in addition, he has proven a devoted servant of his Lord and Savior by serving as a lay leader at Centenary United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, for his efforts, Clayton Richardson will be honored by People to People of Hartsville on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at Centenary United Methodist Church. People to People’s mission is to give all citizens the opportunity to come together in a positive way to discuss important issues, regardless of socioeconomic or racial background. Mr. Richardson proclaims that all subjects are open for discussion and the general public is invited to participate; and

Whereas, the Senate recognizes that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Mr. Richardson, who simply states, “I will help where I can.” His strong belief in helping people to improve their community and belief in the inherent goodness in people sets a fine example indeed for all South Carolinians. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, honor Clayton Richardson of Hartsville for his many and varied contributions to his State and local community, and recognize his exemplary community service work, culminating in the People to People appreciation event to be held on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at Centenary United Methodist Church in Hartsville.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Clayton Richardson of Hartsville.

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