**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE HARRISON REARDEN OF RICHLAND COUNTY ON HIS SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE RICHLAND‑LEXINGTON COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION AND ON HIS RETIREMENT AND TO WISH HIM THE BEST IN HIS NEW POSITION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

Whereas, the members of the Senate have learned that an outstanding public servant, Harrison Rearden, is retiring as a member of the Richland‑Lexington County Airport Commission to take a position on the South Carolina Department of Transportation as a Commissioner from the Sixth Congressional District; and

Whereas, Mr. Rearden, a native of Edgefield County, after completing his undergraduate studies at South Carolina State University, did his graduate work at Fisk and Indiana University; and

Whereas, Harrison Rearden was an exemplary leader and manager spanning forty‑three years which include experiences as a secondary school teacher, district manager in the life insurance industry, and twenty‑nine years in the state government, from which he retired; and

Whereas, throughout his adult life, Mr. Rearden has unselfishly given of himself in public service which began with his participation in the civil rights movement and continues to this day; and

Whereas, among the many boards, commissions, and committees on which he has served, Mr. Rearden is a member of the deacon ministry in his church; executive board member of the United Baptist Deacons of Columbia; regional board member of the American Lung Association and the Blue Ridge Institute; past board member of the Central South Carolina Alliance; board member of the Action Council of South Carolina and the South Carolina State Employees Association; advisory board member to the Salvation Army; member of the Columbia Luncheon Club; chairman of the Meadowlake voting precinct; former chairman of the Columbia Metropolitan Airport Commission; and former member of the Commissioners Steering Committee, Airport Council of North America; and

Whereas, throughout the breath and length of his tenure on the boards, commissions, and committees, Harrison Rearden has had his faithful wife at his side, Alethia, sharing in his successes at every turn; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Senate pause in its deliberations to recognize Harrison Rearden on his accomplishments and wish him much success while serving on the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate congratulate Harrison Rearden of Richland County on his service as a member of the Richland‑Lexington County Airport Commission on his retirement and to wish him the best in his new position on the Department of Transportation Commission.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Rearden.

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