**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CORDIALLY WELCOME TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE THE HONORABLE ALFRED VANDERPUIJE, MAYOR OF ACCRA, GHANA.

Whereas, in May 2009, the Honorable Alfred Vanderpuije was confirmed by the Accra Metropolitan Assembly as Mayor of the New Millennium City of Accra, Ghana, with an unprecedented majority of almost ninety‑eight percent of the vote; and

Whereas, a career educator, Mayor Vanderpuije is a doctoral candidate at Northern Illinois University in educational administration and school business management. In 1990, he earned his master’s degree in education from Mid‑America Nazarene University in Kansas and in 2000 his educational specialist degree in public school administration at the University of Missouri; and

Whereas, having strong ties to South Carolina, Mayor Vanderpuije served as executive director of Columbia’s Vanview International Enterprise, a company that provides consultant services for leadership and management training. He was a principal and district coordinator in Richland County School District One in Columbia from 2000 to 2005; and

Whereas, additionally, he served as principal and assistant principal for a public school system in Illinois and taught at public and private schools in Missouri and Kansas from 1995 to 2000; and

Whereas, Mayor Vanderpuije has always had strong interest in adult education, community development, health care, the global war on terrorism, and environmental protection and development; and

Whereas, he is a founding member of the North American branch of Ghana’s ruling political party, the National Democratic Congress (NDC), and served for many years as Chairman of the Chicago and South Carolina branches of the NDC. He is friend and active fundraiser to the President of Ghana, His Excellency John Evans Atta Mills; and

Whereas, upon his visit to the South Carolina State House on Thursday, February 25, 2010, it is fitting that the members of the House of Representatives should recognize Mayor Vanderpuije and greet him in the name of all the citizens of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and cordially welcome to the South Carolina State House the Honorable Alfred Vanderpuije, Mayor of Accra, Ghana.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honorable Alfred Vanderpuije.

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