**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE BENEDICT COLLEGE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR ITS OUTSTANDING WORK IN COORDINATING LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND POLITICAL LEADERS OF AFRICA, ASIA, AND LATIN AMERICA.

Whereas, the Benedict College Office of International Programs, under the direction of Dr. Norma Lozano Jackson, has been a powerful instrument in bringing to the State of South Carolina prominent educational, grassroots, and political figures such as Mrs. Zulia Mena, the first African‑Colombian woman to be elected to Congress; the Honorable Dr. John Evans Atta Mills, President of the Republic of Ghana; Dr. David Kenneth Kaunda, former President of Zambia, with twenty‑seven years’ service in that office; Mrs. Olwuatoyin Zaraki, First Lady of Kwara State, representing the Honorable Dr. Hajia Musa Turai Yar’Adua, First Lady of the Republic of Nigeria; and the Honorable Alfred Vanderpuije, Mayor of the City of Accra, Ghana, among others; and

Whereas, the Benedict College Office of International Programs was instrumental in facilitating a legislative exchange between legislators from the Accra Metropolitan Assembly in Accra, Ghana and legislators from Columbia, memorialized in a South Carolina House of Representatives resolution; and

Whereas, accordingly, a first group of ten Ghanaian legislators arrived in Columbia on April 19, 2010, to spend two weeks at the State House undergoing intensive training sessions designed to strengthen grassroots democratic initiatives that foster participatory democracy; and

Whereas, the distinguished work of the Benedict College Office of International Programs has helped to foster better understanding between the people of South Carolina and people of other nations. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize the Benedict College Office of International Programs for its outstanding work in coordinating legislative exchanges between the State of South Carolina and political leaders of Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Benedict College Office of International Programs.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑