**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR ALBERT F. BRANDEL, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS, AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO HELPING OTHERS.

Whereas, Albert F. Brandel of Melville, New York was elected president of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the association’s 91st International Convention, held in Bangkok, Thailand, June 23‑27, 2008; and

Whereas, he is a retired police detective, and for many years he investigated child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, and domestic violence involving children and missing children; and

Whereas, Mr. Brandel has been a member of the West Hempstead Lions Club since 1975 and an associate member of the Melville Lions Club; and

Whereas, he has held many offices in the association, including club president, district governor, and international director and has also served as a presenter and panelist at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums; and

Whereas, Mr. Brandel worked with the Long Island Lions Eye Bank as a transporter and has been the Lions Representative to UNICEF in New York for ten years, and helped coordinate Lions relief efforts at the World Trade Center following September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, he has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, fifteen International President’s Awards, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest award the association grants to its members; and

Whereas, Mr. Brandel is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow; and

Whereas, Mr. Brandel also has served as a Little League volunteer and as a Eucharistic minister and is a former member of the board of directors of the United Nations Association of the USA. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate of the State of South Carolina honors Mr. Albert Brandel, President of the International Association of Lions Clubs, and thanks him for his service and commitment to helping others.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Albert Brandel.

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