**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE LIFE AND CAREER OF DR. WADE T. BATSON, JR., PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF BIOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CELEBRATE HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY ON MAY 7, 2012.

Whereas, Dr. Wade T. Batson, Jr. was a distinguished scholar and dedicated Professor of Biology at the University of South Carolina from 1952 to 1982 where he proudly taught thousands of undergraduate students, thirty-five M.S. students, and ten doctoral students; and

Whereas, during this time he also served as the First Official Curator of the A.C. Moore Herbarium at the University. Providing services and educational outreach to the public and researchers alike, the A. C. Moore Herbarium is “The Peoples’ Herbarium”. At just over 110,000 dried plant specimens, the A.C. Moore Herbarium houses the largest collection in the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Dr. Wade T. Batson was will soon celebrate his one hundredth birthday. He was born in Marietta, South Carolina on May 7, 1912, to William Thomas Batson and Mary Lenora Hendricks Batson; and

Whereas, Dr. Batson received a B.S. degree in Biology from Furman University in 1934, a master’s degree in Botany from Duke University in 1949, and a Ph.D. in Botany from Duke in 1952; and

Whereas, he also served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1947 as a First Lieutenant and Lieutenant Commander; and

Whereas, following the war, Dr. Batson was a Separations Officer in the U.S. Navy at Lido Beach in Long Island, New York; New London, Connecticut; and Seattle, Washington; and

Whereas, from 1934 to 1939, Dr. Batson taught chemistry and biology at Slater-Marietta High School and from 1939-1942 he served as Principal of the school; and

Whereas, over the years Dr. Batson has published more than forty articles in popular magazines and scientific journals and is the author of twelve books, just a few include *Wildflowers in South Carolina, Genera of the Southeastern Plants, Genera of the Eastern Plants, Genera of the Western Plants, Landscape Plants for the Southeast, and Wildflowers in the Carolinas*; and

Whereas, Dr. Batson has received numerous honors and awards, including being voted one of three Outstanding Professors by USC Students (1966); a Meritorious Award for Teaching - Association of Southeastern Biologists (1968); the Michael J. Mungo Distinguished Professor of the Year Award (1968), Education Conservationist of the Year ‑ South Carolina Wildlife Federation (1976), the Order of the Palmetto Award (1982), South Carolina Hall of Fame (1995), South Carolina Hall of Science and Technology (1995), Honorary Doctorate of Science Award ‑ Medical University of South Carolina (1995), Wade T. Batson Endowment - University of South Carolina (2002), Honorary Life Member of the USC Alumni Association (2004), and the Legends of Conservation Award ‑ South Carolina Wildlife Federation (2011); and

Whereas, Dr. Batson was married to fellow teacher Josephine Elizabeth McDaniel and together they had two children, Marietta and Wade; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly are pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the distinguished career of Dr. Wade Batson and to honor the significant contributions of this great South Carolinian. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, honor the life and career of Dr. Wade T. Batson, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Biology at the University of South Carolina and celebrate his one hundredth birthday on May 7, 2012.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. Wade Batson.

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