**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ELZA SANFORD “SANDY” SPRADLEY, JR., OF LEXINGTON COUNTY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina Senate honors individuals who freely give of their time and resources for the good of others; and

Whereas, Elza Sanford “Sandy” Spradley, Jr., of Lexington County has contributed valuable community and public service to the citizens of the Palmetto State and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, the son of Dr. Elza Sanford and Sophie Edwards Spradley, Sr., Sandy Spradley earned his bachelor’s degree in biology in 1965 at the University of South Carolina. In 1968, he earned a second bachelor’s degree, this time in pharmacy, at the same institution. He is also a graduate of the South Carolina Municipal Association’s Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government; and

Whereas, Mr. Spradley has served the Batesburg‑Leesville community in numerous capacities for thirty‑three years. He joined the Batesburg Fire Department in 1964 and served there in all offices, including that of fire chief (1976‑1993). During that same time, he was also owner of Fair Drug Company, where he worked as a pharmacist, in addition to carrying out his duties as a Batesburg water commissioner and town councilman; and

Whereas, believing strongly in active community involvement, he did not let his contributions stop there. His neighbors might have found him serving as an ambulance attendant or discovered that he was one of the first volunteers in the State to earn the title of paramedic and later EMT. He spearheaded a fundraising effort that garnered $25,000 toward the purchase of the Batesburg‑Leesville community’s first ambulance; and

Whereas, in 1990, Mr. Spradley was elected the last mayor of Batesburg. Simultaneously, he worked collaboratively with other community leaders to help create the consolidated town of Batesburg‑Leesville. He then was elected the first mayor of the new town, a position he held until 1997; and

Whereas, now retired, Sandy Spradley considers it one of the greatest triumphs of his life that he was able to persuade Diane Giresi Spradley to become his wife. Wed in 1967, they are the proud mom and dad of two sons, Christian and Edward, who have given their delighted parents the joy of four grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Sandy Spradley who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Elza Sanford “Sandy” Spradley, Jr., of Lexington County for his outstanding community and public service to the people of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Elza Sanford “Sandy” Spradley, Jr.

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