**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR EMILY SUE DAWSON WHITE FOR FORTY‑FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT AND FOR HER UNDYING DEVOTION TO GAMECOCK SPORTS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to commend such a notable Gamecock devotee and supporter as Emily White, who has served the University of South Carolina Athletics Department so faithfully for the last forty‑five years; and

Whereas, born in Columbia on June 1, 1938, she moved to West Columbia with her family when she was five years old and grew up there with her loving sister, Margaret Dawson Jumper, and brother, Thomas Dawson; and

Whereas, she attended the University of South Carolina and has made Gamecock athletics her life for the last forty‑five years; and

Whereas, hired in January of 1967, she has served as the Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Athletics Department at the University of South Carolina through the tenure of ten directors; and

Whereas, during those years, Emily White has been the backbone of the department as the university competed in three hundred seventeen NCAA tournaments, won seven national titles, captured twenty conference regular‑season titles, took nine conference division titles, garnered seventeen conference tournament championships, and competed in sixteen bowl games; and

Whereas, inducted into the University of South Carolina Hall of Fame in 2008, Emily White was named Lexington County Fan of the Year in 2010‑2011 by the Lexington County Gamecock Club; and

Whereas, an active member of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, she married her beloved husband, Owens Lamar White, on June 7, 1957, and they were married for almost forty‑four years until his passing in 2001; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the sacrificial and faithful service that Emily White has provided to the University of South Carolina Athletics Department and wish her continued success as she carries on her support of the Gamecock athletes and their athletic program. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Emily Sue Dawson White for forty‑five years of outstanding and selfless service to the University of South Carolina Athletics Department and for her undying devotion to Gamecock sports.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Emily Sue Dawson White.

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