**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE RALPH ANDERSON FOR HIS SIXTEEN YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SENATE DISTRICT 7, AND TO WISH HIM HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for sixteen years, the Honorable Ralph Anderson has represented the citizens of District 7 in Greenville County with consistent integrity in the Senate of this great State, in addition to his prior five years of service in the South Carolina House of Representatives, for a total of twenty-two years as a legislator; and

Whereas, this long-time public servant began his career with the United States Postal Service in the Greenville Postal Office. He went on to become a Postmaster Level 20 in Clemson, S.C. and then a Postmaster Level 21 in Greer, S.C. where he retired after thirty years of service during which he received many accomplishment awards; and

Whereas, he honorably served his country in the United States Army as a non‑commissioned officer with Troop Information and Education at Fort Jackson and Germany from 1950‑52; and

Whereas, Senator Anderson presently lends his expertise to five Senate committees: Corrections and Penology, Education, Finance, Medical Affairs, and Transportation; and

Whereas, one of Senator Anderson’s most important pieces of legislation was S.1318, Act 293 of 2006, the Hospital Infections Disclosure Act, which has saved many lives and healthcare dollars in South Carolina while improving the quality of life for the citizens of the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, believing that a man should be fully involved in the life of his community and state, Senator Anderson rendered service to numerous worthy organizations including service as a third degree Mason, member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, Family Counseling Services, Greenville Civil Service Commission, Municipal Association of South Carolina, Greenville Branch NAACP, City of Greenville Zoning Board, Phyllis Wheatley Board of Directors, Appalachian Council of Governments, Greenville Housing Authority Board, Senior Action Greenville County, Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources, Community Planning Council, Community Foundation of Greater Greenville, Inc., BB&T Greenville Regional Board of Directors, and the Board of Trustees for St. Anthony’s Catholic School in Greenville; and

Whereas, over the years he has received numerous awards, just a few of which comprise Sigma Man of the Year; Long Branch Baptist Church Award; Award for Outstanding Service, City of Greenville; Citizen of the Year Award, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; W.F. Gibson Freedom Fighter Award, NAACP; Exceptional Service Award, City of Greenville, Parks and Recreation; Outstanding Achievement in Community Service Award, Baptist Ministers Fellowship; Black Heritage Award in City Government, Springfield Baptist Church; Award for Community Support of Affordable Housing in Greenville County, Community Housing Resource Board and County Human Relations Commission; Award for Outstanding Service in Political Science, Greenville Alumni Chapter of South Carolina State University; and a Whitney Young Humanitarian Award, Greenville Urban League; and

Whereas, Senator Anderson, in his legislative life, is a man with a quiet demeanor yet always knows where he stands on an issue and what he thinks is in the best interests of our state citizens; and

Whereas, he is married to Geraldine Lewis Anderson and together they have three grown children, Valerie, Ralph, and Joel, and ten grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate will greatly miss the wisdom and integrity that Senator Anderson has brought to the State House. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Ralph Anderson for his twenty-two years of faithful service as a legislator and wish him happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Ralph Anderson.

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