**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE DICK ELLIOTT FOR THIRTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE, AND TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR STATE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO HIS CONSTITUENTS.

Whereas, the Honorable Dick Elliott has served the citizens of Dillon, Horry, Marion, and Marlboro Counties in the Senate for nineteen years with enthusiasm, devotion, and integrity; and

Whereas, he began his service in the House of Representatives for ten years from 1982 to 1992 before his election to the South Carolina Senate; and

Whereas, he was born September 26, 1935, the son of Marvin and Ara Elliott. As a young “lad” he attended Wingate Junior College from 1956 to 1958 and Clemson University in 1960; and

Whereas, Senator Elliott presently lends his expertise to six Senate committees: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Finance; Fish, Game and Forestry; Invitations; Rules; and Transportation; and

Whereas, he founded Elliott Realty in 1959 and today his son Rick ably runs the daily operations of the company; and

Whereas, he is the primary developer and owner of Eagle Nest Golf Club and Eagle Nest Estates, and he is an original founding shareholder of Beachwood Golf Club; and

Whereas, he has also served his community in many other capacities, a few of which include service as a Mason, Shriner, member of the North Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach Chambers of Commerce; Board of Visitors, Presbyterian College; United Way of Horry County Board; North Myrtle Beach Tourism Committee; District Governor, Lions Club; Horry County Airport Commission; South Carolina Association of Counties, 6th Congressional District Tourism Commission; Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority; Horry-Georgetown-Williamsburg Planning Services Administration; North Myrtle Beach School Board of Trustees and Ocean Drive Planning and Development Board; and the North Myrtle Beach Jaycees; and

Whereas, he and his wife Anne Anderson Elliott are members of Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church where he has served as a deacon. They are the proud parents of three grown children, Richard, David, and Angela, and are the proud grandparents of three granddaughters, Madison, Caroline, and Blair; and

Whereas, Senator Elliott always strived for a “level playing field” for all citizens and was frequently known to say “let’s pull up a chair and talk” when compromise was needed; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate will greatly miss the faithful service that Senator Elliott has brought to the State House and hope that he experiences many more days of health and happiness in his retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Dick Elliott for thirty years of distinguished service in the General Assembly, upon the occasion of his retirement from the South Carolina Senate, and to express deep appreciation for his contributions to our State, to the General Assembly, and to his constituents.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Dick Elliott.

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