**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE JOHN P. MEADORS, FORMER FIRST ASSISTANT SOLICITOR IN CHARGE AND DEPUTY SOLICITOR IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate have learned that John P. Meadors recently began a much‑deserved retirement from the Fifth Circuit Solicitor’s Office after many years of distinguished service to the people of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, John Meadors earned his bachelor’s degree in 1983 from Wofford College, where he was student body president, followed by his juris doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1987; and

Whereas, this native of Loris tried cases in the circuit courts of South Carolina for more than twenty‑four years. As a prosecutor, he handled thousands of cases; and

Whereas, in 1987 he joined the Fifth Circuit Solicitor’s Office, where he worked as an assistant solicitor for four years. He then took up his duties in the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office for four years, where he worked as assistant attorney general and special assistant United States attorney, State Grand Jury Division; and

Whereas, John Meadors returned to the solicitor’s office in 1995, serving there until 2011 under Solicitor Barney Giese. During his second tenure at the solicitor’s office, he worked as first assistant solicitor in charge, as well as deputy solicitor; and

Whereas, in recognition of his dedicated service, in 1989 he was named Victim Witness Assistant of the Year, and in 2005 he was named winner of the Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Court Prosecution; and

Whereas, Mr. Meadors was appointed as a member of the State Child Fatality Review Board in 2004 by Governor Mark Sanford, and served on that board until 2011; and

Whereas, John Meadors believes strongly in active community involvement, and he demonstrates that conviction far beyond his daily work. He has been a member of the Camden Rotary Club since 1996 and has been named a Paul Harris Fellow. In addition, he coached the Shandon United Methodist Church girls basketball team for almost twenty‑four years (1987‑2011). Currently, he is chair of the Staff‑Parish Relations Committee at Shandon United Methodist Church and president of the Columbia Classical Ballet Board of Directors; and

Whereas, married to the former Patricia Rogers of Camden, John Meadors and his wife are the proud parents of four children, Blakely, Maggie, John, Jr., and Perry; and

Whereas, the Senate, grateful for the consistent commitment and excellence John Meadors has demonstrated in his service to the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in wishing him well in his retirement and trusts he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate John P. Meadors, former first assistant solicitor in charge and deputy solicitor in the Fifth Judicial Circuit, upon the occasion of his recent retirement, and wish him continued success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to John P. Meadors, Esquire.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑