**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR EUGENE SCOTT SAWYER OF AIKEN COUNTY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON NEARLY FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE AIKEN COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA‑AIKEN.

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

Whereas, Eugene Scott Sawyer of Aiken County stands high among their number, much admired for his years of unceasing effort to make the Aiken area a better place to live and USC‑Aiken a leader in higher education; and

Whereas, born February 5, 1936, in Clearwater, Eugene Sawyer graduated from the University of South Carolina in Columbia with a bachelor’s degree in pharmacy; and

Whereas, after working for ten years at the Bath Pharmacy, he became its owner until 1994, when he sold the business. In early 1995, Mr. Sawyer, a life member of the South Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, set up an in‑house pharmacy at the Margaret J. Weston Medical Center in Clearwater, where he continues to work to this day; and

Whereas, believing strongly in active service to one’s community, he was a charter member of the Aiken Area Council on Aging, which he served as treasurer. He also served on the board of the Aiken County United Fund and was a charter member of the L.B.C. Jaycees, which he served as vice president and treasurer, and was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in 1967. He is a former member of the Augusta Rescue Mission and served with the Aiken County Alcohol and Drug Abuse program for several years. In addition, he is presently a member of the Optimist Club and served as its president several years ago; and

Whereas, a man of faith and family, Mr. Sawyer was a charter member and an elder for more than thirty‑five years at the North Augusta Bible Chapel, and among his chief treasures are his wife, Anne, and their two children, Scott Stuart and Jane Deanne; and

Whereas, in 1961, he was appointed to the Aiken County Commission on Higher Education of USC‑Aiken, which he now serves as treasurer. He has served proudly for nearly fifty years and has seen USC‑Aiken grow from a small student body of several hundred to one composed of several thousand students at the university’s present location; and

Whereas, Eugene Sawyer’s lifelong service, loyalty, and devotion to the people of South Carolina are admired by all who know him, and the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to have this opportunity to publicly express their thanks, especially for Mr. Sawyer’s dedicated half century of service to USC‑Aiken. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Eugene Scott Sawyer of Aiken County for his many years of outstanding community service, and congratulate him on nearly fifty years of service with the Aiken County Commission on Higher Education of the University of South Carolina‑Aiken.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Eugene Sawyer.

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