**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. PHILIP FIDLER OF SUMTER UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS BEING NAMED 2010 SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR, AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES OF COMMITTED SERVICE AS A VETERINARIAN.

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Dr. Philip Fidler of Sumter was named 2010 South Carolina Association Veterinarian of the Year in October 2010; and

Whereas, a native of Sumter, Dr. Fidler served area animal lovers full‑time for more than thirty years, and he has continued his service on a part‑time basis since retirement. From time to time, he still does general surgery and was the lead veterinary surgeon for the Midlands Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Columbia Animal Shelter; and

Whereas, in preparation for his long career, Dr. Fidler earned his degree in veterinary medicine at the University of Georgia in 1967, which is a natural fit for a man who has always loved animals; and

Whereas, when he moved back to Sumter, Dr. Fidler worked with Veterinary Hospital on North Main Street, run by the late Dr. Stuart Burnett, who was one of the few veterinarians open in the area at that time. The practice treated up to forty animals on a daily basis; and

Whereas, in time, Dr. Fidler decided to open his own clinic on the growing west side of Sumter. Fidler’s Advanced Veterinary Hospital, as it was named, opened in 1987 at 1230 Wilson Hall Road and operated for twelve years. In 1999, Dr. Fidler leased his business to Dr. Chris Gerard, who now runs the practice; and

Whereas, it is with great pleasure and admiration that the House of Representatives recognizes such outstanding South Carolinians as Dr. Philip Fidler, who serves as an inspiration and model for future veterinarians of this great State. The high honor he has received is in proportion to the service he has rendered the people of his fair community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Dr. Philip Fidler of Sumter upon the occasion of his being named 2010 South Carolina Association Veterinarian of the Year, and commend him for more than four decades of committed service as a veterinarian.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Philip Fidler.

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