**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HONORABLE DAVID A. WRIGHT OF LEXINGTON COUNTY, COMMISSIONER FOR THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY UTILITY COMMISSIONERS FOR 2012.

Whereas, following his service as a councilman and mayor of the Town of Irmo from 1983 to 1988, the Honorable David A. Wright served District 85 in Lexington County as a representative in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1989 to 1996; and

Whereas, on March 3, 2004, the Honorable David A. Wright was elected to represent the Second Congressional District as commissioner on the South Carolina Public Service Commission in a special Joint Legislative Session following the implementation of Act 175; and

Whereas, Commissioner Wright served as chairman of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal from 2006 to 2009; and

Whereas, Commissioner Wright served as national co‑chair of the Yucca Mountain Task Force and continues to serve as chairman of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition (NWSC); and

Whereas, Commissioner Wright served as president of the eleven‑state Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) from 2008‑2009; and

Whereas, Commissioner Wright has testified on regulatory issues on numerous occasions before standing committees of the United States Congress, as well as before federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and

Whereas, a colon cancer survivor and cancer‑awareness advocate, he is often asked to share his story with others; and

Whereas, Commissioner Wright was elected first vice president of NARUC in Atlanta, Georgia, in November 2010; and

Whereas, only the fifth South Carolinian to lead the commission since 1889, he was elected president of NARUC on November 16, 2011, in St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, Commissioner Wright’s acceptance speech and theme of “Effective Regulation Takes Teamwork” highlighted his goals for NARUC, as well as the success of South Carolina’s regulatory model since the implementation of Act 175; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly commend Commissioner David A. Wright upon his election as 2011‑2012 president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and wish him continued success as a commissioner representing the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Honorable David A. Wright of Lexington County, commissioner for the Second Congressional District on the South Carolina Public Service Commission, and congratulate him upon his election as president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners for 2012.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Commissioner David A. Wright.

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