**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. THOMAS L. HALLMAN, CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Dr. Thomas L. Hallman will begin a much‑deserved retirement on June 30, 2012, after twenty‑nine years of distinguished service at the University of South Carolina Aiken (USC Aiken), the past eleven as chancellor; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, this Charleston native earned a bachelor’s degree in political science at The Citadel in 1969, followed by a master’s degree in education from the same institution. In 1993, he received a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of South Carolina in Columbia; and

Whereas, professionally, his resume includes a diverse set of experiences, including service as an infantry officer in the 82nd Airborne Division (U.S. Army), high school teacher and coach, co‑owner and creative director of an advertising agency, executive director of a school‑to‑work initiative, and more than thirty years of work in public higher education in South Carolina; and

Whereas, since 1983, Dr. Hallman has served in various administrative roles at USC Aiken. Appointed interim chancellor in 2000, he was named the third chancellor of USC Aiken on January 1, 2001; and

Whereas, Dr. Hallman believes strongly in active community involvement, and he demonstrates that conviction through service on numerous boards and committees. Among other activities, he presently serves on the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization, the Savannah River Site Redevelopment Authority (vice chair), the Aiken Region Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Rotary Club of Aiken Board of Directors, and the Aiken County Strategic Planning Committee; and

Whereas, previously, he has served in leadership roles with many other entities, including the Aiken County Chamber of Commerce (chair) and St. John’s United Methodist Church Administrative Board (chair); and

Whereas, his expertise in strategic planning has led to consulting experiences with groups such as the Aiken County Habitat for Humanity and United Way of Aiken County. Currently, Dr. Hallman is serving his second term with the Commission on Colleges, the governing board for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

Whereas, for his valuable contributions, Dr. Hallman has been recognized as Aiken Chamber Man of the Year (2007), Aiken County Habitat for Humanity Committee Volunteer of the Year (1996), and Aiken Kiwanis Club Kiwanian of the Year (1989); and

Whereas, on the home front, he and his wife, Susan Hallman, are the proud parents of two children, David and Carolina; and

Whereas, to recognize Dr. Hallman for his many years of service to USC Aiken, his colleagues and family will host a retirement celebration in his honor on May 17, 2012; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Dr. Hallman has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement and trusts he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. 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 Dr. Thomas L. Hallman, chancellor of the University of South Carolina Aiken, upon the occasion of his retirement, and wish him continued success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Thomas L. Hallman.

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