**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND COLLETON COUNTY COUNCILMAN FLOYD BUCKNER FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the South Carolina Senate honor individuals who freely give of their time and resources for the good of others; and

Whereas, Floyd Buckner, councilman for Colleton County, has contributed almost forty years of valuable public service to the citizens of the Palmetto State and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, Floyd Buckner earned his bachelor’s degree at Benedict College in 1964 and his master’s degree in education at South Carolina State University in 1970; and

Whereas, in 1972, he began a career in education that spanned almost four decades, his first assignment being at Jenkins Hill Middle School in Harleyville, where he served as principal. He became principal of Forest Hills Elementary School in Walterboro in 1974, the next year accepting the position of Title I Program director for the Colleton County School District, from which he retired after thirty‑nine years of service; and

Whereas, the first African American to win a runoff election in Colleton County, Mr. Buckner was elected to Colleton County Council in 1982 and has served twenty‑eight years as a councilman. In 1992, he became the first African American to chair Colleton County Council; and

Whereas, in addition, he has achieved several other firsts in his career of public service. In 1990, he was the first African American to serve as bank board director (First Federal Savings and Loan); in 1992, he was the first African American to serve on the Walterboro Colleton Airport Commission; and in 1996, he began publishing the first black‑owned newspaper in Colleton County. Floyd Buckner was also the first president of the Arabian Temple #139, Walterboro Shrine Club; and

Whereas, he has not gone unappreciated for his extensive service. In 1995, the Floyd Buckner Title I Parent Center in Walterboro was named in his honor, as was Walterboro’s Floyd Buckner Building in 1998. The latter honor made him the first African American to have a Colleton County government building bear his name; and

Whereas, he is currently a member of the board of directors for First Federal Savings F.S.B.; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Floyd Buckner who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend Colleton County Councilman Floyd Buckner for his many years of outstanding public service to the people of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Floyd Buckner.

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