**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO WELCOME TO SOUTH CAROLINA SID L. SCRUGGS III, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 87TH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 32 STATE CONVENTION, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE LIONS CLUB FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Whereas, founded in 1917 by Chicago business leader Melvin Jones, Lions Club International is dedicated to making the world a better place. The largest service organization in the world, the club, with its more than 1.3 million members, has become the world leader in blindness prevention and works extensively in members’ local communities to help those in need; and

Whereas, from April 8‑10, 2011, Palmetto State Lions will host the 87th Annual South Carolina Lions Convention in Spartanburg, featuring as their guest speaker Sid L. Scruggs III, president of the International Association of Lions Clubs; and

Whereas, Mr. Scruggs, who hails from Vass, North Carolina, and serves in the Vass Lions Club, was elected president of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the association’s 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28‑July 2, 2010. President Scruggs is a retired military and commercial airline pilot and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy; and

Whereas, he has held many offices in the association over the years. In addition, he has presented at the USA/Canada and Europa Leadership Forums and served as an instructor for the Lions Clubs International Leadership Institute and the District Governors‑elect School; and

Whereas, in recognition of his service to the association, Mr. Scruggs has received the 100% Club President Award; the Governor of Excellence Award; the Key of Nations Award for sponsoring more than one hundred Lions members; the International Presidential Award; and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association gives to its members. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow; and

Whereas, in addition, Sid Scruggs is chairperson of the board of directors of the Governor Morehead School for the Blind, a member of the board of the Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind, Inc., and a life member of the American Airlines Grey Eagles Association and the Naval Academy Alumni Association; and

Whereas, in 2010, he was elected to the United States Blind Golf Association Hall of Fame. He has also been presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest award given by the State of North Carolina, and an honorary doctorate of humanities from World University; and

Whereas, cognizant of the Lions’ fine record of service, as well as of the distinguished record of their international president, the Senate takes great pleasure in welcoming Sid L. Scruggs III, president of the International Association of Lions Clubs, to South Carolina on the occasion of the 87th Annual South Carolina Lions Multiple District 32 State Convention. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, welcome to South Carolina Sid L. Scruggs III, president of the International Association of Lions Clubs, on the occasion of the 87th Annual South Carolina Lions Multiple District 32 State Convention, and recognize the Lions Club for its many years of community service.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the South Carolina Lions.

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