**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JOHN W. BROWN OF IRMO FOR HIS FIFTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND BEYOND.

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, Dr. John W. Brown, general surgeon at Newberry County Memorial Hospital (NCMH), has contributed valuable community and public service to the citizens of the Palmetto State and beyond and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, in preparation for a fruitful career, this Newberry County native received his bachelor’s degree from Clemson University and his medical degree from Duke University Medical School. He completed his internship at Duke and in his surgical residency at the Medical University of South Carolina served as chief resident. Later, he worked with Dr. Denton Cooley in a cardiovascular fellowship at Texas Heart Institute. His education under Dr. Cooley prepared him for a leadership role in the beginning of open‑heart programs at Columbia‑area hospitals; and

Whereas, from 1962 to 1965, Dr. Brown served in the United States Navy as a general medical officer for the USS Vermillion/Amphibious Base Dispensary in Norfolk, Virginia; and

Whereas, a general, thoracic, and cardiovascular surgeon, Dr. Brown began his private medical practice in Columbia, serving from 1970 to 2001 at Palmetto Surgical Associates, the oldest general‑surgery practice in South Carolina. While at Palmetto Surgical Associates, Dr. Brown served on the attending staffs of Palmetto Richland, Palmetto Baptist, and Providence Hospitals. He was associated with many firsts and beginnings at these Midlands institutions, such as his service on the committees that began the open‑heart programs at both Palmetto Richland and Providence and on the team that conducted the first open‑heart surgery at Richland. He also helped start the oncology program at Palmetto Richland; and

Whereas, he continued providing firsts when he came to Newberry, bringing advanced techniques, such as Sentinel Node Mapping, to the Newberry community; and

Whereas, for many years, he served as clinical associate professor of surgery at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and as staff surgeon at Newberry Surgical Associates, and he has practiced general surgery at NCMH from 2007 to the present; and

Whereas, believing strongly in community involvement, Dr. Brown has served in a number of community and professional organizations. At St. Andrews Lutheran Church, he is a part of Lutheran Men and Church Council, for both of which he has served in numerous positions of leadership; and

Whereas, Dr. Brown has been a member of the Kiwanis Club for forty years, during which time he has served as lieutenant governor for the Carolinas District of Kiwanis International and as president of his local club. Currently, he is a member of the St. Andrews Kiwanis; and

Whereas, he served as an active local advocate/educator for the Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) project of Kiwanis International and the World Health Organization (WHO), speaking tirelessly throughout the State on the importance of the project. IDD has been eradicated as an international health problem, due to the work of Kiwanis International and the WHO; and

Whereas, from 1970 to the present, Dr. Brown has been an active and effective advocate for those who cannot afford healthcare. He has freely given his leadership abilities and countless hours of his medical expertise to provide for those less fortunate. He has served in the Columbia Free Clinic and Laurens County Free Clinic in the past and now provides services for the patients of the Free Medical Clinic of Newberry. In addition, he was part of a medical mission to Haiti in 2010; and

Whereas, the members of the 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 Dr. John W. Brown, 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 honor Dr. John W. Brown of Irmo for his fifty years of outstanding community service to the people of South Carolina and beyond.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. John W. Brown.

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