**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. VIPUL PATEL FOR HIS WORLD‑RENOWNED WORK IN PROSTATE CANCER AND FOR FOUNDING THE INTERNATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION.

Whereas, the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina are deeply grateful for the dedicated and life‑saving work of such medical professionals as Dr. Vipul Patel; and

Whereas, Dr. Patel attended medical school at Baylor College of Medicine and did both his residency and fellowship training at the University of Miami. Prior to moving to Florida, he was director of robotic and minimally invasive urologic surgery at Ohio State University; and

Whereas, an internationally respected leader in the field of minimally invasive robotic prostatectomy, Dr. Patel currently serves as the medical director of the Urologic Oncology Program for the Florida Hospital Cancer Institute, and he holds an appointment at the University of Central Florida School of Medicine as professor of urology; and

Whereas, he holds honorary titles as professor at the Russian Academy of Sciences, at the University of Milan, and the University of Korea School of Medicine; and

Whereas, specializing in the field of urologic oncology, Dr. Patel has performed over seven thousand robotic radical prostatectomies; and

Whereas, every year, Dr. Patel trains hundreds of surgeons on how to safely adopt minimally invasive surgery into their surgical practices; and

Whereas, in addition to his clinical duties, he has basic science collaborations with the Sanford‑Burnham Institute and the University of Central Florida studying mRNA and its relation to prostate cancer, and he recently received a $4.2 million grant from the United States Department of Defense for research in telesurgery and simulation; and

Whereas, for over a decade, Dr. Patel has been well known for his work in the field of robotic surgery. He is the founder of the Society of Robotic Surgery, a multi‑specialty organization responsible for education and training, and he is also editor emeritus of the *Journal of Robotic Surgery* and has authored the first textbook on robotics in urology; and

Whereas, Dr. Patel’s passion for helping men with prostate cancer and his ability in philanthropy led him to create the International Prostate Cancer Foundation, a not‑for‑profit charitable organization dedicated to the eradication of prostate cancer; and

Whereas, he served as the first vice chairman for the United States‑China Delegation and Institute for International Medicine Exchange meeting in May 2006; and

Whereas, Dr. Patel received honorable mention from the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons in 2003, and he was named a member of the Top 40 Under 40 by the *Birmingham Journal* in 2003 and the Top 100 Healthcare Professionals by the *Birmingham Business Journal* in 2002. In 2002, he received the American College of Surgeons Award for Academic Excellence and the Award for Service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. Vipul Patel for his world‑renowned work in prostate cancer and for founding the International Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Vipul Patel.

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