**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FRANK AVENT OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA ON HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF FLORENCE AND THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the South Carolina Senate honor individuals who give of their time and talents to benefit the citizens of the Palmetto State and are thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, Frank Avent of Florence, South Carolina has contributed valuable community service to the people of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Frank Avent was born on July 16, 1940 to Mr. Arma R. Avent and Mrs. Mary C. Avent; and

Whereas, Mr. Avent attended the University of North Carolina where he received a bachelor of science degree in business administration; and

Whereas, Mr. Avent married the love of his life, Mrs. Jean Jerome Avent, and the two have three children: Celeste Lindeman, Angela Lynch, and Mary Holland; and

Whereas, Mr. Avent is the general manager of Pepsi Cola Company, LLC, formerly known as Pepsi Bottling Company of Florence, South Carolina. Mr. Avent has been with the company for fifty‑one years; and

Whereas, Mr. Avent has served on several corporate boards, including the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Florence, Carolina Canners, Inc., and Seibels Bruce and Miller Communications; and

Whereas, in addition to his many corporate responsibilities, Mr. Avent serves on a number of community boards which include the Boys & Girls Club of the Pee Dee, United Way, and the Francis Marion University Foundation. He has previously served on the board of the YMCA, the Salvation Army, and the Coker College Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, Mr. Avent attends Central United Methodist Church where he served as chairman of the Finance Committee and chairman of the Trustees Committee; and

Whereas, Mr. Avent has been awarded many honors including the Order of the Palmetto, the United Way Ashpy Lowrimore Community Service Award, and the Chamber Business Person of the Year Award, the Boys & Girls Club Champion of Youth Award as well as the Board Member of the Year Award for South Carolina. He has received an honorary doctorate degree from Francis Marion University; 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 the American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Frank Avent who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Frank Avent of Florence, South Carolina on his many years of dedicated service to the community of Florence and the citizens of the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Frank Avent.

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