**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR DR. MILTON KIMPSON OF COLUMBIA FOR HIS LIFETIME OF COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON RECEIVING THE 2014 GREATER COLUMBIA COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Dr. Milton Kimpson has been selected by the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council to receive its 2014 Community Service Award; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, this Calhoun County native earned degrees from Benedict College and the University of Wisconsin. He also has studied at Syracuse University, the University of Miami, and the University of Georgia; and

Whereas, in his position as Education, Health and Human Services executive assistant to former Governor Richard W. Riley, he advised the Governor on some of the most complicated and challenging issues facing our State, including the South Carolina Education Improvement Act; and

Whereas, his relationship with public education has been lifelong. He served as a mathematics and science teacher, guidance counselor, school principal, and supervisor of elementary education in the State Department of Education; and

Whereas, he is a past or present member of many professional, civic, and community organizations, including the South Carolina Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. Presently, he is a member of St. John Baptist Church, where he is the chairman emeritus of the deacon board and serves on the Preschool Education Board Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the North Columbia Eau Claire Rotary Club; and

Whereas, appointed in 1985 as a commissioner for the South Carolina Workers’ Compensation Commission, he was named chief commissioner one year later and served in that capacity until 1988. He served from 1989 to 1990 as the associate commissioner of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education; and

Whereas, among his many honors and awards, Dr. Kimpson has received the Order of the Palmetto from the Governor of South Carolina, Colonel of the Staff Award from the Governor of Mississippi, Arkansas Traveler Award from the Governor of Arkansas, NAACP (Manning Branch) Man of the Year Award, and South Carolina State College Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas, his commitment and service to Benedict College have been unparalleled. He served continuously on the board of trustees for forty‑one years and also was its vice chairman during his tenure. He was elected to board emeritus status in 2011. During his time on the board, Dr. Kimpson was a member of the search committee that selected Dr. David Swinton as president of the college. He also has served on various renovation and reorganization committees that have spearheaded much of the growth Benedict enjoys today. He has been an active member of the Benedict College Columbia Alumni Club for many years. On April 16, 2013, Benedict College recognized Dr. Kimpson by naming a campus facility in his honor**,** theMilton Kimpson Center for Graduate Studies and Continuing Education Building; and

Whereas, he is married to the former Wilhelmina Page, and they have three sons, Milton, Jr., Marc, and Marlon, who have given their parents the joy of four grandchildren. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor Dr. Milton Kimpson of Columbia for his lifetime of community and public service and congratulate him on receiving the 2014 Greater Columbia Community Relations Council Community Service Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Milton Kimpson.

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