**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. CHARLES GOULD, PRESIDENT OF FLORENCE‑DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in its deliberations to express sincere gratitude to Dr. Charles Gould for his significant contributions to Florence‑Darlington Technical College (FDTC); and

Whereas, inaugurated as the college’s third president in 1993, he holds a master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin‑Milwaukee with emphasis on the philosophy of mathematics and a doctorate degree from Duke University with emphasis on ethics and law; and

Whereas, prior to becoming president of FDTC, he served in the state’s technical‑college system for more than thirty years, taught at Duke University and the University of Wisconsin‑Milwaukee, and served as an associate managing editor of a national educational publishing company; and

Whereas, under his leadership, FDTC’s student population has grown from fewer than three thousand to more than six thousand, more than doubling during his twenty‑year tenure; and

Whereas, he led expansion of the campus including satellite sites in Lake City and in Mullins, a health‑sciences campus in downtown Florence, and expanded the existing satellite campus in Hartsville; and

Whereas, his superb leadership at FDTC, is exemplified in the creation and inauguration of the Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology in 2007, a program offering hands‑on technical training in advanced manufacturing and providing the Pee Dee with skilled industry professionals; and

Whereas, Dr. Gould serves on the board of the Commission on Colleges for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the premier accreditation organization for the Southeast, and frequently chairs accreditation teams and special projects for the commission; and

Whereas, affording his academic expertise and experience, he serves on the board of the National Council of Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Centers, Global Learning Systems, and several other national organization; and

Whereas, until last year, Dr. Gould served his community as the chair of the Florence County Economic Development Partnership and as president and an ex‑officio board member of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce and as an advisory board member for the Darlington County Economic Development Board, SCANA, Progress Energy, and BB&T Bank; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of dedication that Dr. Gould has devoted to Florence‑Darlington Technical College and to higher education in the Palmetto State, and they wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. Charles Gould, President of Florence‑Darlington Technical College, upon the occasion of his retirement after twenty years of outstanding service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Charles Gould.

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