**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ROBERT RICKETTS, ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY‑SEVEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that Robert Ricketts will be honored for his many contributions to Clemson University, surrounded by family and friends at a party marking his distinguished career on May 3, 2013; and

Whereas, a native of Anderson, Mr. Ricketts earned an associate’s degree from Anderson College in 1969 and a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Erskine College in 1971, and he completed the College Business Management Institute at the University of Kentucky; and

Whereas, after graduation, he served with the J. C. Penney Company of Greenville and Anderson for four years in merchandise management before he began his lengthy career with Clemson University in 1976; and

Whereas, for nine years, he served in the university’s auditing and accounting departments and was named audit supervisor in 1980, a post he held until 1985 when he became the athletic department’s chief financial officer; and

Whereas, Mr. Ricketts remained in that position until 2003, and although he was still involved in many aspects of athletic department finances, his primary focus shifted to athletic facilities, dealing with new construction, renovations, maintenance of the facilities and grounds, and event management; and

Whereas, under his leadership, two landmark accomplishments were completed: the West End Zone, the football complex which houses the football offices, locker rooms, dining hall, weight rooms, and training rooms; and the beautiful Indoor Football Facility with AstroTurf; and

Whereas, his retirement on September 7, 2013, will mark more than twenty‑eight years of dedicated service to the athletic department at Clemson University; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Kathey, he has reared two fine children; a son, Chesley, and a daughter, Lindsey; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of dedication that Robert Ricketts has devoted to the athletic program at Clemson University and 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 House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Robert Ricketts, Associate Athletic Director of Clemson University, upon the occasion of his retirement after thirty‑seven years of outstanding service to the university, 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 Robert Ricketts.

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