**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE OUMAR DIABY UPON BECOMING A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Oumar Diaby, after meeting the prerequisite residency requirements, performing long hours of diligent study of American history and culture, and completing all other requirements, attained United States citizenship on March 1, 2013; and

Whereas, because of political repression in his native Guinea, Mr. Diaby and his family were forced to flee that country in the 1990s. Both the Human Rights Watch and the United States Department of State documented human rights violations by the regime of Guinea’s President Lansana Conte at the time; and

Whereas, Oumar Diaby was granted asylum in 2004 by the United States Department of Homeland Security; and

Whereas, he finds strength for his labors in the firm support of his family, especially his dear wife, Jennifer, whom he married in 2005. He finds even greater strength in his Christian faith, as does his entire family. Mr. Diaby’s faith is the center of his life and has enabled him to overcome many obstacles; and

Whereas, now a successful tailor, he is proof that the American Dream still may be realized through hard work, faith, and perseverance; and

Whereas, with great pleasure, the Senate congratulates Oumar Diaby on achieving United States citizenship. Mr. Diaby, renowned for his enthusiasm, dedication, and outstanding work ethic, is worthy to be added to the ranks of those who proudly call this great country their own. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Oumar Diaby upon becoming a citizen of the United States and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Oumar Diaby.

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