**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. MARSHALL “SONNY” WHITE, PRESIDENT OF MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly has learned that Dr. Marshall “Sonny” White, president of Midlands Technical College, will retire at the end of 2014 from a distinguished career in both business and education spanning several decades, the past eight years in his present position; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, Sonny White earned a bachelor’s degree in textile chemistry and a doctoral degree in chemistry from Clemson University and participated in the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University Business School. He has been recognized by Clemson as a Distinguished Alumnus and also was inducted into the Thomas Green Clemson Society in the College of Engineering and Science; and

Whereas, with more than thirty years’ extensive large‑scale business and industry experience, including service in both national and international leadership roles, Dr. White’s most recent private‑industry position was as division president for the Consumer Care Division for North America and Central America, and global head of sales and key account management, Consumer Care Division, for Ciba Specialty Chemicals of Basel, Switzerland, and High Point, North Carolina; and

Whereas, on April 1, 2006, Dr. White became the fifth president of Midlands Technical College (MTC). A native of South Carolina, Dr. White served as executive vice president of Guilford Technical Community College near Greensboro, North Carolina, prior to coming to MTC. His additional experience in higher education includes serving on the Clemson University College of Engineering and Sciences Advisory Board (chair), Clemson University Foundation Board, and Guilford Technical Community College Foundation Board. Further, he served as an adjunct professor at both the University of Georgia and Winthrop University. Dr. White also has lectured on international business at many different colleges and universities; and

Whereas, Dr. White demonstrates his strong belief in active community involvement through service in various organizations. In North Carolina, these included the United Way of Greater High Point (board chair), Greensboro and High Point chambers of commerce (education liaison), and Greensboro Rotary Club, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow; and

Whereas, since moving to Columbia, Dr. White has served as a member of the Greater Columbia Chamber Board, Midlands Business Leadership Group, Lexington County Development Corporation, Regional Education Center Advisory Board, Richland County Transportation Commission Executive Steering Committee, Midlands Junior Achievement Board, State of South Carolina New Carolina Education and Workforce Committee, and Columbia Urban League. He has also served on the board for the National Coalition for Advanced Technology Centers; and

Whereas, the General Assembly, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Dr. White has bestowed on this great State, takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement and trusts he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Dr. Marshall “Sonny” White, president of Midlands Technical College, upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his many years of dedicated service as an educator, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Marshall “Sonny” White.

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