**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND COMMEND THE NOTEWORTHY CONTRIBUTIONS THAT DAN GRAY OF HORRY COUNTY HAS MADE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the significant impact that Dan Gray has made on business and industry in the Palmetto State and for his meaningful role in educating our youth to engage in today’s competitive markets; and

Whereas, born in Horry County, his family’s roots in Waccamaw date back to the 1730s; and

Whereas, Mr. Gray graduated from Clemson University with a bachelor’s in industrial management and served with distinction in the United States Marine Corps; and

Whereas, a managing member of River Oaks Golf Plantation, he heads the Dan Gray Company, a Myrtle Beach management firm, and he serves as president of Grayco Steel Corporation, one of the most prominent structural‑steel and prison‑equipment contactors in the Carolinas for more than fifty years; and

Whereas, he has served in numerous civic leadership roles, such as the past president of the Chicora Rotary Club, past vice president of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, past chairman of the board of the Horry County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and the first chairman of the board and president of the North South All‑Star Football Game Committee, Inc.; and

Whereas, Mr. Gray contributed his vast expertise in public affairs, serving as the past chairman of the Horry County Planning Commission, the past chairman of the Horry County Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, the past vice chairman of the Myrtle Beach Convention Center Advisory Committee, and a past member of the South Carolina Hall of Fame Board of Directors; and

Whereas, in 1990, he was appointed to the South Carolina State Private Industry Council by Governor Carroll Campbell; in 1994, he was named chairman of the Waccamaw Regional Private Industry Council; and in 1996, he was appointed to the state Job Training Coordinating Council by Governor David Beasley; and

Whereas, the 1st Congressional District legislative delegation recommended Dan Gray for service on the South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, where he has served since 2001. Since 2003, he has served as a member of the Horry Georgetown Technical College Foundation Board having served in 1966 as an instructor at that college, and through Grayco Steel Corporation, he has maintained that association; and

Whereas, today he serves on the Clemson University State Extension Advisory Council and the Horry County Solid Waste Authority Board; and

Whereas, a faithful and active member of Ocean View Baptist Church, he contributes to the congregational worship as a regular member of the church choir every Sunday, “singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness”; and

Whereas, he received the 1997 Volunteer of the Year Award for the State of South Carolina by the Job Training Coordinating Council and the Realtor Image Award of the Coastal Carolina Association of Realtors, and he serves on the boards of the Waccamaw Regional Education Center and Helping Hand and is the founding chairman of the Horry Industrial Alliance; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the outstanding contributions of Dan Gray to our state’s economy, industry, and workforce and express their gratitude to this distinguished son of the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, acknowledge and commend the noteworthy contributions that Dan Gray has made to his community and to the great State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dan Gray.

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