**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE WILLIAM P. “BILL” HAMILTON, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate has learned that William P. “Bill” Hamilton, South Carolina State University sports information director, will soon be retiring from a distinguished career spanning forty years; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, Mr. Hamilton earned a bachelor’s degree in English language and literature at South Carolina State University (SCSU) in 1973 and a master’s degree in education from the same institution in 1979. Further studies followed at New York University; and

Whereas, a Maryland native who grew up in Chesterfield, Bill Hamilton is the only full‑time sports information director in the school’s history. Mr. Hamilton began his career at his alma mater in July 1973, just two months after receiving his undergraduate degree; and

Whereas, in appreciation of his long and celebrated career, he has earned numerous professional and civic awards, the latest being the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Lifetime Achievement Award. He also has been the recipient of other CoSIDA awards, among them the Bob Kenworthy Community Service Award (1998) and Trailblazer Award (2005). Other honors include the Herm Helms Media Excellence Award (2012); and

Whereas, inducted into the CoSIDA Hall of Fame in 2009, Bill Hamilton is also featured in the MEAC Hall of Fame (2009), SCSU Physical Education Hall of Fame (2011), and SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame (2002); and

Whereas, in addition, he was selected as a National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education Distinguished Alumnus (2006) and appeared as a Stellar Alumnus on the SCSU National Alumni Association’s 2010 calendar; and

Whereas, as a member of a number of professional and civic organizations, Mr. Hamilton is actively involved in the sports industry and his community. He is a longtime pollster for the Sheridan Broadcasting Network and the Sports Network and served on the NCAA Final Four Media Coordination Committee from 1999 to 2007. He is the former chairman of the Orangeburg Attention Homes, Inc., a former board member and local chapter president of the Alston Wilkes Society, a current board member of the South Carolina State Employees Association, and president of the Orangeburg Chapter of SCSEA; and

Whereas, to recognize Bill Hamilton for his four decades of service to SCSU, his colleagues will host a “roast and toast” celebration in his honor on June 28, 2013; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Mr. Hamilton has bestowed on this great State, the Senate 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 Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate William P. “Bill” Hamilton, South Carolina State University sports information director, upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his forty years of dedicated service, 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 Bill Hamilton.

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