**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE QASIM WAHEED YASIN, DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY 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 Qasim Waheed Yasin of Columbia, disease intervention specialist for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), retired in August 2013 from a career with DHEC spanning nearly twenty‑five years; and

Whereas, Mr. Yasin graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1968. He then served in the United States Navy on the USS Brinkley Bass and USS Bryce Canyon. Mr. Yasin was awarded the national Defense Service Medal, and he later served in the United States Navy Reserve; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, in 1978 Mr. Yasin earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Columbia’s Benedict College, followed by graduate study in educational counseling at Winthrop University and the University of South Carolina and further studies in childhood and adolescent psychology and educational counseling; and

Whereas, beginning during his college days to use what he was learning about human social behavior, this Mr. Yasin worked as a youth counselor and probation officer with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice from 1974 to 1981. Prior to taking up his duties with DHEC, he served for several years as a counselor with the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council; and

Whereas, having joined DHEC in 1988, Qasim Waheed Yasin served that agency with dedication for nearly a quarter century, some of his duties being provision of services to prevent the spread of diseases and infection in order to reduce associated illness and death and to supply care and support resources for individuals with HIV disease. He also conducted field visits to identify, locate, and notify patients’ partners of possible transmission of disease and ensure receipt of proper medical care; and

Whereas, also in 1988, Mr. Yasin married the former Jacqueline Wiggins and together they raised a fine family of three children, Naim, Jeehan, and Aqueelah, who have given their parents the joy of two delightful granddaughters; and

Whereas, Mr. Yasin has been an active member of the Omicron Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity for over three decades, as part of which he has participated in numerous community service projects such as the Salvation Army fundraiser and distribution of food baskets during the holidays. Mr. Yasin attends Masjid Al‑Muslamin; and

Whereas, during Mr. Yasin’s well‑earned retirement, the Senate hopes he will find himself more frequently able to indulge in the reading, fishing, and traveling he so enjoys, as well as time with his family; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Mr. Yasin has bestowed on this great State, the Senate takes great pleasure in wishing him well in his 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 Qasim Waheed Yasin, disease intervention specialist for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his many 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 Qasim Waheed Yasin.

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