**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE ALVIN D. JOHNSON, RESIDENT FAMILY COURT JUDGE FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BENCH AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate have learned that the Honorable Alvin D. Johnson, resident Family Court judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, will begin a well‑deserved retirement on June 30, 2016, after twenty years of faithful and outstanding service to the citizens of the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, born in Spartanburg, Alvin D. Johnson was the son of the late Broadus C. Johnson, a retired truck driver and farmer, and Margie P. Johnson, a homemaker. Part of a fine family of three boys and two girls, in time he married and was blessed with three beautiful children; and

Whereas, Judge Johnson was raised in Spartanburg County and attended public school in the Campobello area. In 1981, he graduated from North Greenville College with an associate degree, followed by a bachelor’s degree in history and government, summa cum laude, from Wofford College (1983). At Wofford, he was inducted into the school’s chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, and upon graduation he received the Academic Major Award in government. He continued his education at the University of South Carolina School of Law, where he received his juris doctor in 1986; and

Whereas, as a newly fledged attorney, Alvin D. Johnson joined the law firm of Acker, Acker, Floyd and Welmaker in Pickens. In 1991, he was made a partner in the firm, and the name of the firm was changed to Acker, Welmaker, Floyd & Johnson. In 1989, he was elected president of the Pickens County Bar Association and served in this capacity until 1991; and

Whereas, in February of 1996, Judge Johnson was elected by the South Carolina General Assembly to the position of resident Family Court judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. He has served in this position continuously to the present date, with resident chambers in Pickens; and

Whereas, currently a member of the South Carolina Bar and Pickens County Bar Association, Judge Johnson is a former member of the American Bar Association and the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association; and

Whereas, Judge Johnson has always believed strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community and the broader community of South Carolina in numerous capacities. These include membership in several organizations. He is a past member of the Pickens‑Liberty Lions Club and the Pickens Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was elected to the North Greenville College Board of Trustees by the South Carolina Baptist Convention in November 1991, and was reelected in 1998. In 1992, he was presented the Alumni Service Award by North Greenville College, and in 2003 he was presented the college’s Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the legacy of leadership and jurisprudence Judge Johnson has bestowed on this great State and appreciates the long and enduring service to the citizens of South Carolina. Taking great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement, the members trust 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, recognize and commend the Honorable Alvin D. Johnson, resident Family Court judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, upon the occasion of his retirement from the bench and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honorable Alvin D. Johnson.

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