**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE BARTLETT C. WINKLER UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY COMMISSION FOR TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS SIX YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A COMMISSIONER, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, since 2009, the Spartanburg County Commission for Technical and Community Education has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of member Bartlett C. Winkler, who retired from his post on March 1, 2015, after six years of service; and

Whereas, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Bart Winkler grew up in Washington, D.C., and attended Georgetown Preparatory and Georgetown University. Answering the call of his country, he served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army; and

Whereas, Mr. Winkler was the president of Piedmont Propane, a division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, prior to this position he served as vice president of residential and commercial sales for a parent company. During his nearly forty‑year career, Mr. Winkler served as a retail sales representative, new business representative, commercial representative, sales trainer, sales supervisor, sales manager for South Carolina, and company spokesperson. Further, he represented the parent company in working with local political decision makers involving natural gas expansions within their elected districts (upper North Carolina). Mr. Winkler also played a major role in setting up a natural gas commercial equipment program for Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, North Carolina. As a volunteer in law enforcement, he was involved in a multitude of duties, including interviewing officers for a new enforcement program and serving as a certified instructor for AARP’s Alive at 55 program for senior citizens; and

Whereas, because he believes in giving back to his community, Mr. Winkler is involved with several worthy organizations. Presently, he is vice president of the District 38 Republican Party and vice president of the board for Thermal Belt Habitat for Humanity. While with Piedmont Natural Gas Company, he was recognized by Habitat International and Piedmont Natural Gas for chairing the construction of two Habitat homes. He served as chair in the adoption of an Asian family who had escaped the Viet Cong, and he brought this family to America. He also has served his industry in several positions and received various industry awards; and

Whereas, this man of faith has served as church deacon, elder, and Sunday School teacher for adults and students. In addition, he was chair for both a pastoral‑search group and a personnel committee and organized several charity programs, such as a church Toys for Tots program. At home, he enjoys rescuing racing greyhounds and reading, but most of all he enjoys his family; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for Mr. Winkler’s faithfulness in serving the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in commending him for his contributions to education in this great State, especially in Spartanburg County. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable Bartlett C. Winkler upon the occasion of his retirement from the Spartanburg County Commission for Technical and Community Education, thank him for his six years of outstanding service as a commissioner, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honorable Bartlett C. Winkler.

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