**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JOHN EDWARD CALDWELL OF NEWBERRY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL AND TO RECOGNIZE HIM FOR HIS THIRTY‑TWO YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COUNTY.

Whereas, Mr. John Edward Caldwell of Newberry is the son of the late George and Elmira Caldwell. He was born and raised in Newberry County and attended the county’s public schools. He furthered his education at Benedict College where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and mathematics and also participated in football, baseball, and track; and

Whereas, Mr. Caldwell distinguished himself as a member of the United States Army where he was assigned to the Redstone Arsenal of the United States Army Missile Command as a Missile Mechanic; and

Whereas, Mr. Caldwell is a former math and science teacher. He was employed by Independent Life and Accident Insurance Company for thirty‑one years, where he was the first African American Staff Sales Manager in South Carolina and was honored with an award for outstanding services rendered. Mr. Caldwell is currently the owner and CEO of J.E. Caldwell Properties; and

Whereas, Mr. Caldwell has served as a member of the Newberry County Council continuously for thirty‑two years. He was the first African American elected to serve as a member of the Council. Mr. Caldwell has represented Newberry County in positions with the National Association of Counties, as the past president of the County Governmental Association, as a member of the South Carolina Association of Counties Board of Directors, and as a member of the National Association of Counties Finance Committee; and

Whereas, throughout his lifetime, Mr. Caldwell has distinguished himself as a leader and a public servant. He was one of the first African Americans appointed to the Newberry County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. He has also served on numerous other boards, commissions, and organizations dedicated to the people of Newberry County; and

Whereas, married to the former Patricia Henderson of Newberry, the couple has one son, Sean, and one granddaughter, Brittany Shadday. He is a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Newberry, where he has served as chairman of the deacon board and as treasurer; and

Whereas, after his retirement from the Newberry County Council, Mr. Caldwell celebrated his retirement with friends and family on January 4, 2015 at the Firehouse Conference Center in Newberry. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Mr. John Edward Caldwell of Newberry upon the occasion of his retirement from Newberry County Council, and recognize him for his many years of dedicated service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. John Edward Caldwell.

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