**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND EDGAR L. “EDDIE” DYER, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Edgar L. “Eddie” Dyer, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Coastal Carolina University (CCU), soon will begin a well‑deserved retirement after a distinguished career at CCU spanning nearly forty years of faithful and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Edgar L. Dyer, known as “Eddie” to his colleagues and friends, joined the Coastal Carolina University faculty in 1976. Not only is he one of the longest‑serving professors in CCU history, but he is also, without question, the most widely experienced administrative leader the university has ever had; and

Whereas, among the positions he has filled are university counsel (for sixteen years), director of interdisciplinary studies, executive director of the Coastal Educational Foundation, interim director of athletics, interim dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, vice president of university relations, and, most recently, executive vice president and chief operating officer; and

Whereas, Eddie Dyer is also the first recipient of the HTC Distinguished Teacher‑Scholar Lecturer Award. He is an honorary inductee of the CCU Athletic Hall of Fame and a faculty inductee of Omicron Delta Kappa. For the past twenty‑nine years, he has taken his constitutional law class on a trip to the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., to observe the judicial process firsthand; and

Whereas, this native of North Carolina earned a bachelor’s degree in political science at Guilford College, where he played basketball. He received a master’s degree in public administration and a juris doctor from the University of South Carolina. Prior to his service at Coastal, Professor Dyer was the assistant city planner in Florence and later a planner/administrator in the community‑development division of the Governor’s Office. His published articles focus on such subjects as academic freedom, land‑use law, government and politics, and higher‑education law; and

Whereas, Professor Dyer was presented the Palmetto Patriot Award in 2010 for his community service. He has taken an active part in civic affairs, from chairing the local Grass Roots Initiative for Planning and Progress in the 1990s to his current service on the Horry County Planning Commission. Currently, he also serves as chairman of the RIDE III Committee, a group appointed by Horry County Council to prioritize roads projects for a pending 2016 RIDE III referendum; and

Whereas, at home, Eddie Dyer and his wife, Cynthia, are the parents of two grown children, Hilary and Emerson. Professor Dyer credits his parents for instilling in him the value he places on higher education and for nurturing his sense of humor; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are grateful for the legacy of leadership Eddie Dyer has bestowed on this great State. The House 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 House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend Edgar L. “Eddie” Dyer, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Coastal Carolina University, for his many years of service to the people of South Carolina, congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement, 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 Edgar L. “Eddie” Dyer.

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