**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PONCE DELEON BULLARD, M.D., OF LEXINGTON FOR ALMOST FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great state’s citizenry; and

Whereas, Lexington’s Dr. Ponce DeLeon Bullard, obstetrician and gynecologist, stands among their number as an outstanding public benefactor, one much admired in his role as an experienced and caring physician, administrator, and leader in his profession; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, the young “Leon” Bullard earned his undergraduate degree at Presbyterian College, followed by a medical degree from the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. He also obtained a master’s degree in bioethics and health policy from Chicago’s Loyola University; and

Whereas, answering the call of his country, Dr. Bullard served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1975, during which time his highest rank was major for the Army Medical Corps; and

Whereas, having retired from practicing medicine in 2013, Dr. Bullard currently serves as treasurer for the South Carolina Medical Association Board of Trustees and medical consultant for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in the Acute Disease and Epidemiology Division. Previously, he has held multiple leadership roles in the clinical setting, including assistant chief for Moncrief Army Hospital at Fort Jackson, chief of the medical staff for Newberry County Medical Center, and chief of the Lexington Medical Center Ob‑Gyn Department; and

Whereas, he also has held numerous positions of leadership in organized medicine, among them trustee for the South Carolina Medical Association, consultant for the DHEC Maternal‑Child Health Division, member of the Mid‑Wifery Board, past chair for the SCMA Bioethics Committee, and medical director for South Carolina Midlands Mission; and

Whereas, professionally, this dedicated physician is a fellow for both the American College of Ob‑Gyn and American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the Lexington County Medical Society, American Medical Association, and South Carolina Ob‑Gyn Society; and

Whereas, after having dedicated so much of his time to his patients and having delivered countless precious babies over the many years of his thriving practice, and now with all he continues to do for the betterment of his profession and the citizens of this State, when he finds himself able to carve out a leisure hour or two, Dr. Bullard enjoys golf and reading; and

Whereas, grateful for the high standard of excellence Dr. Leon Bullard has set in his profession, the House of Representatives is pleased to salute him on nearly a half century of distinguished service to his community, this great State, and beyond. 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 honor Ponce DeLeon Bullard, M.D., of Lexington for almost fifty years of dedicated service as a medical professional and wish him much success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Ponce DeLeon Bullard.

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