**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FORREST L. ALTON, MSPH, CHES, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY (SC CAMPAIGN), ON THE OCCASION OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE ORGANIZATION, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS NINE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, since 2007, the South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of Forrest L. Alton, MSPH, CHES, SC Campaign’s chief executive officer, who soon will be leaving the organization after nine years of exceptional service; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, Forrest Alton earned his bachelor’s degree from Coastal Carolina University, where he has been named a Distinguished Alumnus. He received his master’s degree in public health from the University of South Carolina’s Arnold School of Public Health, where he has been recognized with an Alumnus of the Year award; and

Whereas, Forrest has been involved in youth development and teen pregnancy prevention efforts for more than fifteen years. As chief executive officer of the SC Campaign, he oversees a team of more than thirty people dedicated to improving the health and economic well‑being of individuals, communities, and the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, recognized as a national leader in the field, he has authored and co‑authored numerous articles and publications on issues related to teen pregnancy prevention and adolescent health; is a frequently sought‑after speaker for conferences, events, and media opportunities; and serves in numerous state and national leadership positions, including as a board member of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy and the South Carolina Association of Nonprofit Organizations; and

Whereas, in recognition of his distinguished service to the people of South Carolina, Forrest Alton has been granted various honors. In 2010, he was recognized by the *State* newspaper as one of South Carolina’s “20‑under‑40 Emerging Leaders.” In 2014, he was recognized by the *Free Times* as one of the “50 Most Influential People in Columbia.” He is a Riley Institute Diversity Fellow and has joined the ranks of South Carolina’s elite leaders in being named a Liberty Fellow, part of the Aspen Global Leadership Network; and

Whereas, the General Assembly, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Forrest Alton has bestowed on the citizens of South Carolina, is pleased to wish him well as he takes on new challenges and opportunities in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Forrest L. Alton, MSPH, CHES, chief executive officer of the South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (SC Campaign), on the occasion of his departure from the organization, thank him for his nine years of outstanding and dedicated service to the people of South Carolina, 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 Forrest L. Alton.

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