**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO WELCOME TO THE PALMETTO STATE THE HONORABLE BOB CORLEW, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 92ND ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 32 STATE CONVENTION AND TO HONOR THE LIONS CLUB FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Whereas, founded in 1917 by Chicago business leader Melvin Jones, Lions Clubs International (LCI) is dedicated to making the world a better place. The largest service organization in the world, LCI, with its almost 1.5 million members in more than forty‑six thousand clubs, has become the world leader in blindness prevention and works extensively in members’ local communities to help those in need. Lions Clubs activities include general community welfare projects, such as building parks, supporting hospitals, establishing youth programs, and sponsoring camps for disabled children; health projects, including aid to the blind, diabetes awareness, and drug‑abuse and violence prevention through Lions Quest; and worldwide programs that provide disaster relief, long‑term assistance to those in need, recycled eyeglasses and hearing aids for distribution in developing countries, the fostering of world peace through the International Peace Poster Contest and international youth exchange, and promotion and knowledge of the United Nations; and

Whereas, from April 22 to April 24, 2016, Palmetto State Lions will host the 92nd Annual South Carolina Lions Multiple District 32 State Convention in Columbia, featuring the Honorable Bob Corlew, first vice president of Lions Clubs International, as their special guest; and

Whereas, Mr. Corlew, who hails from Milton, Tennessee, and serves in the Murfreesboro Noon Lions Club, was elected first vice president of Lions Clubs International at the organization’s 98th International Convention, held in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 2015. First Vice President Corlew retired as chancellor for the State of Tennessee and as a professor of law; and

Whereas, Bob Corlew has held many offices in the organization over the years and has been instrumental in the chartering of a number of new clubs. Most recently, he worked to charter a new club comprised of lawyers and judges, which gained more than seventy‑five members during its first year; and

Whereas, in recognition of his spirit of excellence and dedicated service, Bob Corlew has been granted various honors, among them the Leadership Award, Builder Key Award, International President’s Award (three), and Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor LCI bestows on its members. He is also a vanguard of the Melvin Jones Memorial, a Progressive Lindsey‑Jennings Fellow, and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow; and

Whereas, Bob Corlew finds strength for his labors in the strong support of his family: his beautiful wife, Dianne (also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow); their five delightful children; and their four charming grandchildren; and

Whereas, cognizant of the Lions’ fine record of service, as well as of the distinguished record of their international first vice president, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in welcoming Bob Corlew, first vice president of Lions Clubs International, to South Carolina on the occasion of the 92nd Annual South Carolina Lions Multiple District 32 State Convention. 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, welcome to the Palmetto State the Honorable Bob Corlew, first vice president of Lions Clubs International, on the occasion of the 92nd Annual South Carolina Lions Multiple District 32 State Convention and honor the Lions Club for its many years of community service.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be provided to the Honorable Bob Corlew, first vice president of Lions Clubs International, and the South Carolina Lions on April 23, 2016.

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