**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND RAJEEV MALIK, M.D., AND RAVINDER MALIK, M.D., OF ANDERSON, ON THEIR JOINT LIFETIME OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND TO WISH THEM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL THEIR 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. Rajeev Malik, M.D., and Ravinder Malik, M.D., of Anderson stand among their number as outstanding public benefactors, much admired in their roles as medical doctors and community volunteers; and

Whereas, in India, where the Maliks studied medicine, students spend five and a half years in medical school, followed by a one‑year internship. In 1976, Rajeev told Ravinder he had a brief window of opportunity to get a visa to go to the United States and complete his medical training in internal medicine and oncology at Houston’s M.D. Anderson Hospital. On January 5, 1977, with only a few hours’ notice, they were married. He left almost immediately for the United States; she followed three months later; and

Whereas, when Rajeev had completed his residency, the Maliks were invited to visit Anderson, where the local hospital did not yet have a resident oncologist. Liking what they saw, the hard‑working Maliks moved to Anderson, and Rajeev started his practice, Anderson Oncology and Hematology, P.A., in 1982. In addition, the hospital created a new oncology floor. Meanwhile, Ravinder completed her residency in radiation oncology at the University of North Carolina. The couple began their family in 1984, when their son, Ryan, was born, and daughter Robin arrived in 1986. Both children have become physicians themselves. Besides being the first resident oncologists in Anderson County, the Maliks, now American citizens, were the first foreign‑born and foreign‑educated medical doctors in the community. Ravinder was one of very few female doctors; and

Whereas, getting involved in the community, the Maliks took up shag dancing, golf, and tennis. Ravinder became one of the first female members of the Rotary Club of Greater Anderson. Both Maliks took a course in forestry to better manage their land, and Ravinder earned a certificate in beekeeping. Ravinder formed a women’s marathon team that raised tens of thousands of dollars for the Cancer Association of Anderson. Moreover, since she closed her practice in 2012, this gifted knitter has added pottery making to her accomplishments. Rajeev still plays soccer once a week and remains an enthusiastic golfer; and

Whereas, Rajeev continued to practice until the end of 2015, when he retired from a partnership that had served some thirty thousand cancer patients over three decades. He and Ravinder contributed generously to the construction of the AnMed Health Cancer Center, which opened in 2005, and both practiced in the center before retiring. Further, they were integral to the creation of the Cancer Association of Anderson in 2003. Ravinder was a founding board member and has recently returned to the board, and Rajeev has provided office space for thirteen years for the astounding rent of $207 per month. He has paid far more in repairs than what has accumulated in his rent account; and

Whereas, having made their mark and set the bar of achievement extraordinarily high in their profession, Doctors Rajeev and Ravinder Malik will be remembered with affection and gratitude by colleagues, patients, and legislative friends for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate and commend Rajeev Malik, M.D., and Ravinder Malik, M.D., of Anderson, on their joint lifetime of dedicated service as medical professionals and wish them much happiness and fulfillment in all their future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Doctors Rajeev and Ravinder Malik.

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