**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. D. WAYNE BRAZELL, SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER A DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF FORTY‑TWO YEARS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate have learned that in December 2015 Dr. Wayne Brazell will begin a well‑deserved retirement after forty‑two years of public service to his State in various educational leadership positions, most recently as superintendent of the South Carolina Public Charter School District; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, Dr. Brazell received a bachelor of science degree in English education and a master’s degree in reading education from the University of South Carolina, followed by a doctorate in reading education from the University of Georgia; and

Whereas, during his career, Dr. Brazell has worked as a teacher, principal, district program director, assistant superintendent, and superintendent for both Laurens County School District 56 and the South Carolina Public Charter School District. In recognition of his outstanding leadership and innovative spirit, he was honored by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators and the South Carolina Department of Education as the District‑level Administrator of the Year in 2007; and

Whereas, Dr. Brazell joined the South Carolina Public Charter School District as a board member on July 1, 2008. Then, on November 1, 2009, he was selected as superintendent of the South Carolina Public Charter School District. Under his leadership, the South Carolina Public Charter School District has served as a leading voice for school choice in South Carolina; and

Whereas, at home, Wayne Brazell is the proud husband of Debra Casey Brazell, and the couple is blessed with a son, Ryan; a daughter‑in‑law, Jamie; and a grandchild, Wyatt; and

Whereas, during his retirement, the Senate trusts that Dr. Brazell will find himself more frequently able to indulge in traveling and backpacking, as well as able to continue furthering the charter school movement by assisting planning committees in creating high‑quality, new‑school applications; and

Whereas, the Senate, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Dr. Brazell has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, 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 Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. D. Wayne Brazell, superintendent for the South Carolina Public Charter School District, upon the occasion of his retirement after a distinguished career of forty‑two years in the field of education and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Wayne Brazell.

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