**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MARVIN DAVANT FOR A LIFETIME OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS FOR THE DAYS TO COME.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize and applaud Marvin Davant for his years dedicated to the citizens of the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, Mr. Davant was an employee of the State of South Carolina for fifty‑one years. His commitment to public service has led him to serve the State in multiple capacities; and

Whereas, from 1996 until 1999, he worked for the Department of Revenue in several roles, including Estate and Gift Tax Examiner, Assistant Director, and Director of the Field Services Division. As Director, he was responsible for the direction of three hundred seventy‑nine employees and the audit programs of thirty‑two taxes and all delinquent tax collection throughout the State; and

Whereas, following his retirement, Mr. Davant served as a consultant for the Department of Revenue and the Department of Natural Resources. While working with the Department of Natural Resources, he wrote and implemented the original legislation for the South Carolina Duck Stamp, which is still the most successful program of its kind; and

Whereas, furthermore, he served as Director of the South Carolina Conservation Bank from 2002 until December 2017. During his time in this role, he helped protect over two hundred eighty‑seven thousand acres statewide, improving the quality of life in South Carolina through the conservation of significant natural resource lands, wetlands, historical properties, archeological sites, and urban parks; and

Whereas, Mr. Davant also served on numerous advisory boards and committees dedicated to conserving natural resources in our beautiful State. Some of these include Ducks Unlimited, South Carolina Coastal Council, South Carolina Migratory Waterfowl, Harry Hampton Foundation, and the Department of Natural Resources’ Land and Water Resources; and

Whereas, additionally, he was one of the three original founders of the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition. This annual event is rated as the highest tourism revenue event in the Southeast; and

Whereas, throughout his career, he has received many awards and recognitions, including the prestigious Order of the Palmetto, presented by Governor Jim Hodges; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for Mr. Davant’s outstanding service in maintaining the natural beauty of the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and commend Marvin Davant for a lifetime of dedicated public service and wish him continued happiness and success for the days to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Marvin Davant.

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