**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE DR. JUDITH SALLEY-GUYDON FOR HER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF CANCER RESEARCH.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to recognize Dr. Judith Salley-Guydon for attaining a $12.5 million grant from the National Cancer Institute to establish the South Carolina Cancer Disparities Research Center, the first of its kind in the State; and

Whereas, a native of Orangeburg, Dr. Judith Salley‑Guydon is the daughter of the late James and Marie Aiken Salley. She graduated from Orangeburg High School, South Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, and Ohio State University with both a Master’s and PhD in Zoology; and

Whereas, Dr. Salley-Guydon has spent the last thirty-five years training and motivating minority students, especially women, to pursue careers in science, mathematics, and engineering. She currently serves as a full tenured professor of biology and the chairperson of the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences at South Carolina State University. She has been successful in attracting over twenty million dollars in grant funding to the university; and

Whereas, she also currently serves as the executive director of the Louis Stokes South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation Program and as the first female, African-American president of the South Carolina Academy of Science; and

Whereas, Dr. Salley-Guydon is an active member of a number of organizations, including the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics’ Board of Trustees; South Carolina State University’s Beta, Beta, Beta National Biological Honor Society; the Golden Key International Honor Society; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.; and the Distinguished Alumni Class of 1975 at South Carolina State University; and

Whereas, she has received numerous awards during her professional career, including the South Carolina State University National Alumni Association Blue Carpet Award, the Mid‑Eastern Athletic Conference Distinguished Alumni Service Award, the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education Distinguished Alumni Award, the Vice President Al Gore Hammer Award, the South Carolina State Vice President for Academic Affairs Extra Mile Award, the 2011 Academic Excellence Award, the College of Science Mathematics and Engineering Technology’s Dean’s Cup for Excellence, the South Carolina State University School of Nursing Dream Maker’s Award, the National Conference on Health Disparities Outstanding Service Award, 2000 induction into the South Carolina State University Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun County Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas, Dr. Salley-Guydon was married to the late Coach James “Gus” Guydon. She is a lifelong member of the Edisto Fork United Methodist Church and a member of the Orangeburg District Connectional Ministries; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the dedication and commitment that Dr. Judith Salley-Guydon has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Dr. Judith Salley-Guydon for her significant contributions in the field of cancer research.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Judith Salley‑Guydon.

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