**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE MAYOR JERALD SANDERS FOR HIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF SWANSEA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Mayor Jerald Sanders for his visionary leadership and dedication to revitalizing Swansea’s downtown area and cleaning up its neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Mayor Sanders has lived in Swansea for over thirty years. He graduated from Allen University in 1991 with a degree in sociology and double minors in gerontology and psychology; and

Whereas, making history in the Town of Swansea, Mayor Sanders was sworn in on Monday, November 20, 2017 at the Swansea Town Hall. As mayor, he aims to make a difference in the lives of his community and his family; and

Whereas, a leader in the Swansea community, Mayor Sanders has served on Swansea Town Council for nine years, representing District #3. He has also served on many boards and commissions in Lexington County and has worked closely with the Commission on Aging; and

Whereas, a man of enduring faith, Mayor Sanders is the Pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in North, South Carolina; and

Whereas, he is an active member of the Nu Omicron Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; and

Whereas, Mayor Sanders is married to his wife, Verdia Sanders; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for Mayor Sanders’ strength and dedication in helping pave the way for African-American elected officials in this State and nation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Mayor Jerald Sanders for his valuable contributions as the first African-American mayor of the Town of Swansea.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mayor Jerald Sanders.

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