**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. FRANK BERGER, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR COLON CANCER RESEARCH AND PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT; TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE; AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to recognize Dr. Frank Berger upon the occasion of his retirement on June 30, 2018; and

Whereas, as a researcher at the University of South Carolina, Dr. Berger has been dedicated to reducing the incidence and mortality rates of colon and rectal cancer; and

Whereas, in 2002, he established the Center for Colon Cancer Research at the university and has since received national recognition for the center; and

Whereas, in 2008, Dr. Berger established the Colorectal Cancer Prevention Network with the intent to create awareness, provide education, and provide screening options to uninsured and medically underserved South Carolinians in six counties in the State; and

Whereas, by leveraging public and private partnerships, he has been able to expand screening opportunities to all counties in South Carolina, thereby serving more people and potentially saving lives; and

Whereas, in pursuit of public health solutions to increase colorectal cancer screenings, Dr. Berger has spearheaded the Southeastern Colorectal Cancer Consortium, bringing thirteen Southern states together to replicate best practices and sustainable strategies focusing on Southern culture and landscape; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the passion and dedication that Dr. Frank Berger has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Dr. Frank Berger, director of the Center for Colon Cancer Research and professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of South Carolina, upon the occasion of his retirement; commend him for his many years of dedicated public service; and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Frank Berger.

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