**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR CALVIN WRIGHT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ORANGEBURG‑CALHOUN‑ALLENDALE‑BAMBERG COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC., FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO ORANGEBURG, CALHOUN, ALLENDALE, AND BAMBERG COUNTIES.

Whereas, for many years, Calvin Wright, executive director of the Orangeburg‑Calhoun‑Allendale‑Bamberg Community Action Agency, Inc. (OCAB), has demonstrated the heart of a servant toward his fellow citizens; and

Whereas, Mr. Wright, a native of Orangeburg, graduated from South Carolina State University, which named him a distinguished alumnus in 1997. As executive director of OCAB, he leads this private nonprofit corporation in working to achieve its mission: the elimination of the causes and conditions of poverty; and

Whereas, under his leadership as executive director for OCAB, its staff and clients have won an abundance of awards and special recognitions. The organization has spearheaded a number of innovative projects, including a low‑cost housing development for the elderly and disabled in Bamberg, a state‑of‑the‑art technology center, and an award‑winning HIV‑prevention program that uses young people as peer educators to reach out to youth through health education and social‑health risk‑reduction activities; and

Whereas, a community activist and advocate, Calvin Wright has always believed strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community in numerous capacities. Mr. Wright has served as president of both the South Carolina Community Action Agency Directors Association and the State Workforce Investment Act Private Industry Council. Currently, he is on the Denmark Technical College Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, in recognition of his spirit of excellence and dedicated service to the people of South Carolina, Mr. Wright has been granted various honors, among them the Denmark Technical College Outstanding Service Award and a presidential citation for his service on the Claflin University Board of Most Distinguished Visitors. Further, he received the prestigious Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas, Calvin Wright’s service extends into the military and the church. He is a former Army sergeant and Vietnam veteran and serves as an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8166. As a man of faith, he attends New Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and

Whereas, this proud husband of the former Tonya Steward is also the father of three delightful children. He finds strength for his duties in his family’s strong support; and

Whereas, to recognize Mr. Wright for his many years of service, his many friends will host a celebration in his honor on September 20, 2018; and

Whereas, grateful for Calvin Wright’s already‑rich legacy of consistent commitment and excellence, particularly among the people of OCAB’s four‑county service area, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he continues to serve in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor Calvin Wright, executive director of the Orangeburg‑Calhoun‑Allendale‑Bamberg Community Action Agency, Inc., for his many years of dedicated service and commend him for his commitment to Orangeburg, Calhoun, Allendale, and Bamberg counties.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Calvin Wright.

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