**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. L. CAREY HITE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER SOME FOUR DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A PHYSICIAN, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Dr. L. Carey Hite for his significant contributions to the medical profession as he begins a well‑deserved retirement on March 29, 2018; and

Whereas, born in Florence, Dr. Hite earned a bachelor’s degree from Davidson College in North Carolina and a medical doctorate from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1973; and

Whereas, after completing his medical internship and residency, he served as a general medical officer in the United States Army in Washington, D. C.; the State of Washington; and overseas in Germany; and

Whereas, Dr. Hite met and married his beloved wife, Paula, in 1979 in Colorado where she was a flight nurse. They lived in Colorado for six years where he practiced medicine, and she continued as a flight nurse. Together they reared three fine children, and he has been a devoted father to them: Allison, Melissa, and Carey; and

Whereas, when the family returned to his native South Carolina, he served as an assistant professor at the University of South Carolina and was recognized by the American Academy of Family Physicians as An Active Teacher in Family Practice; and

Whereas, from his private practice in Columbia in the mid 1980s, Dr. Hite later established the successful Three Rivers Medical Associates, which now has three offices; and

Whereas, he has served as the chief of staff at Palmetto Health Baptist and Palmetto Health Baptist Parkridge hospitals; and

Whereas, an active member in the Irmo Rotary for many years, Dr. Hite has energetically contributed to his community where he lives and practices medicine; and

Whereas, he has also found time to develop his game of golf and was named the Super Senior Golf Champ in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Dr. Hite plans to spend many happy hours of retirement fishing, golfing, and traveling; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Dr. Carey Hite has devoted to the medical profession and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. L. Carey Hite, upon the occasion of his retirement after some four decades of outstanding service as a physician, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. L. Carey Hite.

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