**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. BILL JONES ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS CHANCELLOR OF COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

Whereas, highly respected by colleagues and students alike, Dr. Bill Jones presently serves as the sixth president of Columbia International University (CIU), which educates people from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ. To date, CIU has more than eighteen thousand alumni ministering in approximately one hundred fifty countries around the world; and

Whereas, on July 1, 2017, Dr. Jones will take up his duties as newly appointed chancellor of CIU; and

Whereas, in preparing for his life’s work, he graduated summa cum laude from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a degree in chemistry. In addition, he holds earned doctorates from both Columbia Biblical Seminary and Gordon Conwell Seminary; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones, as part of his personal ministry, serves as chair of the international leadership team of Crossover Communications International, an organization he cofounded in 1987 for the purpose of planting churches among unreached people groups; and

Whereas, this passionate communicator has spoken to thousands of people around the world and has authored several books, most recently *Putting Together the Puzzle of the Old Testament* and *Putting Together the Puzzle of the New Testament*; and

Whereas, Bill Jones considers it one of the greatest triumphs of his life that he was able to persuade the lovely Debby Jones to become his wife. A noted Christian leader in her own right, Mrs. Jones holds a master’s degree in Christian education from CIU and serves as a speaker at women’s conferences. She also has coauthored a book entitled *Lady in Waiting: Becoming God*’*s Best While Waiting for Mr. Right*. Wed in 1979, the Joneses are the proud parents of four married children, who have given their mom and dad the joy of six delightful grandchildren; and

Whereas, grateful for his many years of spiritual nourishment of the people of South Carolina, the Senate takes great pleasure in congratulating Dr. Bill Jones on the occasion of his appointment as chancellor of Columbia International University. The members also are pleased to wish him much success and fulfillment as he continues to run the race the Lord has set before him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. Bill Jones on his appointment as chancellor of Columbia International University and extend best wishes for God’s richest blessings as he continues to serve the Lord.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Bill Jones.

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