**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO WELCOME TO THE PALMETTO STATE THE HONORABLE SID L. SCRUGGS III, PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 94TH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 32 STATE CONVENTION AND TO HONOR THE LIONS CLUBS FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Whereas, founded in 1917 by Chicago business leader Melvin Jones, Lions Clubs International (LCI) is dedicated to making the world a better place. It is the world’s largest service organization, with more than 1.4 million members in more than forty thousand clubs. LCI has become the world leader in blindness prevention and works extensively in members’ communities to help those in need. Lions Clubs activities include general community welfare projects, such as building parks, supporting hospitals and libraries, establishing youth programs, and sponsoring camps for disabled children; health projects, including aid to the blind, diabetes awareness, and drug‑abuse and violence prevention; and worldwide programs that provide disaster relief, long‑term assistance to those in need, recycled eyeglasses and hearing aids for developing countries, the fostering of world peace through the International Peace Poster Contest and international youth exchange, and promotion and knowledge of the United Nations; and

Whereas, from April 20 to April 22, 2018, Palmetto State Lions will host the 94th Annual South Carolina Lions Multiple District 32 State Convention in Columbia, featuring the Honorable Sid L. Scruggs III, past international president of Lions Clubs International, as their special guest; and

Whereas, Sid Scruggs of Vass, North Carolina, is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a retired military and commercial airline pilot. He was elected president of the International Association of Lions Clubs in 2010 and has held many offices in the association. Mr. Scruggs has presented at the USA/Canada and Europa Leadership forums and served as an instructor for the Lions Clubs International Leadership Institute and District Governors‑Elect School. He also served as chairperson of the North Carolina Governor Morehead School for the Blind Board of Directors and is a life member of the American Airlines Grey Eagles Association and Naval Academy Alumni Association; and

Whereas, this Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow has been granted numerous accolades, among them the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest award given by the State of North Carolina. He is a member of the North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame and United States Blind Golf Association Hall of Fame. His service to the association has earned him the Key of Nations Award and Ambassador of Good Will Award, the association’s highest honor; and

Whereas, Sid Scruggs finds strength for his labors in the strong support of his family: his beautiful wife, Judy (also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow) and their four delightful children and sixteen charming grandchildren; and

Whereas, grateful for the Lions’ century‑plus of fine service, as well as for the distinguished record of their international leadership, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in welcoming Sid Scruggs, past international president of Lions Clubs International, to South Carolina on the occasion of the 94th Annual South Carolina Lions Multiple District 32 State Convention. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, welcome to the Palmetto State the Honorable Sid L. Scruggs III, past international president of Lions Clubs International, on the occasion of the 94th annual South Carolina Lions Multiple District 32 State Convention and honor the Lions Clubs for their many years of community service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Sid Scruggs, past international president of Lions Clubs International, and the South Carolina MD 32 Lions.

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