**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND DR. JOHN CHARLES MEALY FOR A LONG, SUCCESSFUL CAREER AND TO APPLAUD HIM ON THE DISTINCTION OF HAVING AN ADMISSIONS SUITE AT SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY NAMED IN HIS HONOR.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina deem it fitting to pause in their deliberations to honor Dr. John Charles Mealy on the occasion of having an admissions suite at Southern Wesleyan named in his honor on April 26, 2018; and

Whereas, Dr. John Charles Mealy was born on June 20, 1945, in Akron, Ohio. On August 19, 1967, he married the love of his life, Betty Anne. Together they have two cherished sons, Mark David and Gregory John, and four beloved grandchildren, Jacob, Bryn, Gabriel, and Rowyn; and

Whereas, he graduated from Norton Senior High School in Norton, Ohio, in 1963, and went on to earn a B.A. in music in 1967 from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. He earned his master’s in music education in 1975 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and his doctorate in Human Services Administration in 1998 from Argosy University in Sarasota, Florida; and

Whereas, Dr. Mealy has held multiple positions throughout his career. He began as the minister of music for Wesleyan Community Church in Oak Lawn, Illinois, in 1967. He remained in this position for three years before becoming part of the music faculty and public relations team for Bethany Bible College in Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada, in 1969. From 1973 through 1987, he held multiple positions related to music ministry and pastoring with a number of churches in North Carolina, Canada, and Indiana. In 1987, he changed courses a bit and served as the Director of Admissions for Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. He remained here until 1994 when he was offered and accepted a position at Southern Wesleyan University in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Dr. Mealy began at South Wesleyan in the role of Dean of Enrollment Management. In 1997, he left this role to become the Director of Senior Adult Ministries at First Wesleyan Church in High Point, North Carolina, before returning to Southern Wesleyan University as the Director of Conference Services, where he remained from 2001 until 2011. He concurrently served as the volunteer worship service organist at ALIVE Wesleyan Church from 2005 until 2016; and

Whereas, throughout his career, Dr. Mealy has earned recognition for his exemplary efforts a number of times. In 1967, he was named Who’s Who in American Colleges and University, and he was named staff member of the year by IWU in 1991, and by SWU in 2005 and 2010; and

Whereas, the culmination of his career occurs on April 26, 2018, with the naming of an admissions suite at Southern Wesleyan University in his honor; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina are grateful for the legacy Dr. Mealy has created and wish him much continued success and happiness. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and commend Dr. John Charles Mealy for a long, successful career and applaud him on the distinction of having an admissions suite at Southern Wesleyan University named in his honor.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. John Charles Mealy.

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