**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND DR. WILLIE “BILL” BOYD, SR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM DARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, Dr. Willie “Bill” Boyd, Sr., will retire from his current position as interim superintendent of Darlington County School District at the end of the 2017‑2018 school year. He has served the district with the highest distinction for fifty years in numerous capacities across the education spectrum; and

Whereas, Dr. Boyd began his career in the district as a teacher at Mayo High School in 1968 shortly after his return from the Vietnam War, where he served as a combat infantryman. He eventually became assistant principal before taking over as principal at Rosenwald High School; and

Whereas, 1982 saw his return to Mayo in the role of principal. Upon the encouragement of his mentor, Dr. Boyd later joined the district’s administrative team as transportation director. He went on to become assistant to the superintendent, followed by assistant superintendent for administration, and then associate superintendent for pupil personnel. He assumed his closing role of interim superintendent of the district in August 2017; and

Whereas, Dr. Boyd’s long tenure has been marked with success and distinction. In 2005, he was named the South Carolina Transportation Director of the Year. The Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce named him Citizen of the Year in 2012, and three years later in 2015, the South Carolina Association of School Administrators bestowed upon him its Lifetime Achievement Award, to name a few of the honors he has earned throughout his career; and

Whereas, not only dedicated to the education of children in Darlington, but also the community of Darlington, Dr. Boyd serves on several boards. Some of these include the Florence‑Darlington Technical College Board of Directors, the McLeod Health Board of Trustees, the First Church of God Board of Trustees, past chair of the Free Medical Clinic’s Board of Directors, the Darlington County Economic Development Advisory Board, and he is a founding member of the Darlington YMCA and free medical clinic; and

Whereas, he is married to the love of his life, Patricia White Boyd, and together they have four children and four precious grand‑children; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly of South Carolina are grateful for Dr. Boyd’s legacy of service to the Darlington community and appreciate his long commitment particularly to the children of the district in which he served in so many capacities over five decades, as they will be the ones to carry forward this legacy. 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, honor and commend Dr. Willie “Bill” Boyd, Sr., on the occasion of his retirement from Darlington County School District after fifty years of service and wish him much continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Willie “Bill” Boyd, Sr.

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