**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ENTREPRENEUR AND PHILANTHROPIST, DR. FELIX KING EIREMIOKHAE FOR HIS OUTSTANDING, INNOVATIVE SUCCESS AND HIS REMARKABLE PHILANTHROPY IN THE NATION OF NIGERIA.

Whereas, born on March 17, 1970, in Afuda, a small village located in Esan Central Local Government Area of Edo Nigeria, Dr. Felix King Eiremiokhae was a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Eraga Eiremiokhae who reared twenty‑nine children in very humble conditions; and

Whereas, his father was a foreman with the Ministry of Works and Housing, and his mother was a petty trader. With diligence and perseverance, Dr. King earned a business administration degree, overcoming many obstacles to attain entrepreneurial success; and

Whereas, in 2004, he incorporated Oracle Experience Limited, an award‑winning advertising and marketing agency providing events, marketing, planning, and sponsorship services to multi‑national and local companies with satellite operations in Nigerian cities, and the agency has an operational branch in Accra, Ghana, West Africa; and

Whereas, in 2014, Dr. King incorporated Mayor Biscuits Company Limited (MABISCO), a confectionaries and foods company that produces, markets, and distributes freshly baked biscuits across Nigeria and has concluded plans to export its products to other African countries before the end of 2020; and

Whereas, in a country with alarmingly high unemployment, his business concerns and personal industry, along with his dedication and drive, have provided steady and regular income employment opportunities to over one thousand Nigerian individuals and their families; and

Whereas, in 2015, Dr. King, a devoted Christian, and his wife, Aderonke Eiremiokhae, put muscle to their philanthropic concern for the less privileged, by founding and completely subsidizing the Felix King Charity Foundation to assist poor and vulnerable widows and their children across Nigeria. The foundation has provided assistance to over five thousand women and children through such programs as the Market Moni for widows and rural women, farm‑aid programs for women, free food distribution, and medical aid, as well as full scholarships for indigent children who have no means to afford an education; and

Whereas, in 2017, the Felix King Foundation presented a private bill for the protection of widows, orphans, and disadvantaged women from maltreatment and other allied matters to the Edo State House of Assembly in Nigeria, and that bill is expected to pass into law before the end of 2020; and

Whereas, in the fall of 2018, the foundation launched Goal 36,000 Women by 2029, which is projected to reach and empower thirty‑six thousand women in Africa within ten years; and

Whereas, in 2019, Dr. King announced the expansion of the work of the foundation with The Startups Africa to support African female entrepreneurs with seed funding of up to ten thousand dollars and with the support of mentorship and training opportunities through the Trinity International University of Ambassadors (TIUA) School of Business in the State of Georgia; and

Whereas, he has been honored with the President’s Lifetime Achievement Award conferred by the President of the United States Donald Trump; as an Honorary Citizen of the State of Georgia; with the Humanitarian Award from Trinity International University in Atlanta, Georgia; with an Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy Humane Letters from Trinity International University; with the West African Patriotic Leadership Award; and as a recipient of Pan African International Awards 2019. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor entrepreneur and philanthropist, Dr. Felix King Eiremiokhae, for his outstanding, innovative success and his remarkable philanthropy in the nation of Nigeria.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Felix King Eiremiokhae.

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