**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE PERRY M. BUCKNER, III UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize the Honorable Perry M. Buckner, III upon the occasion of his retirement from the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and

Whereas, a native of Walterboro, the Honorable Perry M. Buckner, III was born in 1949 to parents the late Perry M. Buckner, Jr. and Dorothy Graham Buckner. He is an alumnus of Wofford College, where he graduated cum laude, and the University of South Carolina School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Wig and Robe and graduated cum laude; and

Whereas, Judge Buckner joined the Army ROTC and received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army. He continued in the United States Army Reserves, was transferred to the Judge Advocate General Corps, and ultimately received an honorable discharge as a captain; and

Whereas, during his legal career, Judge Buckner has served the State of South Carolina as Assistant Attorney General, Assistant Solicitor for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, and Circuit Court Judge for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit. In private practice, he worked for Wise & Cole; was a partner in Smoak, Moody, Buckner, & Siegel; and opened his own law firm focused on civil trial litigation, criminal litigation, family law, and probate law; and

Whereas, as a Circuit Court Judge, Judge Buckner was elected in June of 2000 and served until August of 2020; and

Whereas, a leader in his profession and community, Judge Buckner has been a member of the South Carolina Bar Association, South Carolina Bar House of Delegates, South Carolina Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee, South Carolina Bar Nominating Committee, Colleton County Bar Association, South Carolina Association for Justice, South Carolina Defense Trial Attorney’s Association, American Association for Justice, American Bar Association, Walterboro BB&T Advisory Board of Directors, Medical University of South Carolina Children’s Fund Board of Directors, Medical University of South Carolina Board of Visitors, South Carolina Law School Alumni Association Board of Directors, and Colleton Preparatory Academy Board of Directors; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, Judge Buckner is a member of Bethel United Methodist Church of Walterboro; and

Whereas, he lives in Walterboro with his wife of thirty-eight years, Janet Hobbs Buckner. They have two sons, Daniel Graham Buckner and Perry M. Buckner, IV; and

Whereas, the Senate is grateful for the passion, commitment, and leadership that this son of South Carolina has shown in serving the State and the people of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the Honorable Perry M. Buckner, III upon the occasion of his retirement from the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, commend him for his many years of dedicated service to the State of South Carolina, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Perry M. Buckner, III.

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