**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND J. STROM THURMOND, JR., UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE PUBLIC OFFICE OF SOLICITOR FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO AIKEN, BAMBERG, AND BARNWELL COUNTIES, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize J. Strom Thurmond, Jr., for his twelve successful years of dedication, experience, and leadership as Solicitor for the Second Judicial Circuit; and

Whereas, a native of Aiken, J. Strom Thurmond, Jr., is a son of the legendary Senator Strom Thurmond. He is an alumnus of the University of South Carolina, where he received his bachelor’s degree and his law degree; and

Whereas, with a legal career dedicated to both private practice and public service, Mr. Thurmond previously served as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Second Judicial Circuit and as the United States Attorney for the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in his role as the United States Attorney, Mr. Thurmond assumed office as the nation’s youngest United States Attorney. During his time as the state’s chief federal prosecutor, he presided over the successful prosecution of two defendants in a high-profile kidnapping and death case, several environmental pollution cases, and a variety of other complex criminal enterprises. In addition, he oversaw the creation in Charleston of a model to protect naval ports from terrorism and hired a number of prosecutorial staff for the United States Attorney General’s Office; and

Whereas, in 2008, Mr. Thurmond was elected Solicitor for the Second Judicial Circuit, and he has continuously served in that post since he took office. Mr. Thurmond oversaw the Second Circuit Solicitor’s Office becoming the state’s first to implement a cloud‑based discovery system; the office’s expansion to full-staff status in Barnwell and Bamberg Counties; and the office’s successful prosecution of thousands of warrants in the circuit’s three counties; and

Whereas, Mr. Thurmond is an avid outdoorsman, conservationist, and steward of South Carolina’s natural resources; and

Whereas, Mr. Thurmond finds strength for his labors in the support of his family: his loving wife of twenty-two years, the former Heather Holland; and the couple’s two fine sons, J. Strom Thurmond III and Field Thurmond; and

Whereas, the Senate appreciates the commitment and leadership that J. Strom Thurmond, Jr., has bestowed on the people of this great State, particularly those of Aiken, Bamberg, and Barnwell counties, and the members take great pleasure in wishing him all the best as he returns to the private practice of law and pursues new interests in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate and commend J. Strom Thurmond, Jr., upon the occasion of his departure from the public office of Solicitor for the Second Judicial Circuit, extend deep appreciation for his many years of distinguished service to Aiken, Bamberg, and Barnwell counties, and wish him much continued success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to J. Strom Thurmond, Jr.

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