**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE SENATOR HUGH K. LEATHERMAN, SR., FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO BESTOW UPON HIM THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS.

Whereas, Senator Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., began his service in the South Carolina Senate in 1981 and has served continuously since that time; and

Whereas, in 2014, Senator Leatherman was elected President Pro Tempore, after having served in the South Carolina Senate for thirty-three years; and

Whereas, Senator Leatherman has served in that role with his characteristic work ethic, intellect, and devotion to the South Carolina Senate and to the people of our State; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Constitution was amended to require that the Governor select a Lieutenant Governor who will no longer preside over the Senate. This amendment also eliminated the office of the President Pro Tempore; and

Whereas, because of this constitutional change, Senator Leatherman will have the distinction of being the last in a long line of great South Carolinians who have held the title of President Pro Tempore; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate wish to thank Senator Leatherman for his distinguished service as President Pro Tempore, for the countless hours he devoted to that job, and for the dignified manner in which he carried out the duties of the office. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That Senator Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., be granted the ceremonial title of President Pro Tempore Emeritus for his service to the Senate of South Carolina and to the Senators therein.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Senator Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr.

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