**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE JAMES E. BROWN FOR HIS FORTY-ONE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COLUMBIA COMMUNITY.

Whereas, a native of Columbia, James Brown is an alumnus of South Carolina State University, the University of South Carolina, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s Leadership University; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Air Force, Mr. Brown served during the Vietnam War, and after four years as a Sergeant , he was honorably discharged in November of 1974; and

Whereas, Mr. Brown has been involved with human service agencies for forty-one years. During his professional career, Mr. Brown has served as Director of the Westside Unit, Interim Executive Director, and Assistant Executive Director for the Boys Clubs of Greater Columbia; Executive Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands; Regional Director for the Fighting Back Coalition of the Lexington and Richland Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council; Community Relations Director for the Lexington and Richland Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council; Executive Director for York County First Steps; Chief Operations Officer, Vice President of Operations, and Vice President of Community Development for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands; and Director of the South Carolina Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs. He retired on October 31, 2018; and

Whereas, an active member of his community, he has also served as Charter President of the Big Brother Big Sister South Carolina Professional Association, the member representing the Southeastern states for the Community Anti‑Drug Coalition of America’s Advisory Board, and President of the Palmetto Chapter of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s Professional Association; and

Whereas, throughout his career, Mr. Brown has received a number of honors and awards, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s 2018 South East Region Professional of the Year Award and the South Carolina Boys & Girls Clubs’ Champion of Youth Award; and

Whereas, he and his wife Joyce have been married for forty-eight years. They have two adult children, Jamie and Jennifer, and two granddaughters, Gabriela and Madison; and

Whereas, a devout man of faith, Mr. Brown attends Journey United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the passion and dedication that Mr. Brown has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize James E. Brown for his forty-one years of dedicated service to the Columbia community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to James E. Brown.

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