**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. STEVEN GROSBY, PROFESSOR OF RELIGION AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY‑TWO YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Dr. Steven Grosby for his significant contributions to Clemson University; and

Whereas, a 1989 doctoral graduate of the University of Chicago’s Committee on Social Thought, Dr. Grosby taught for a number of years at Villanova University in Pennsylvania before he joined the Clemson faculty in the department of philosophy and religion in 1997; and

Whereas, throughout his years at Clemson, he has been an unyielding advocate for broad and rigorous undergraduate education, as well as an intellectual mentor to a myriad of students, even years after their graduation; and

Whereas, Dr. Grosby was a pivotal force in establishing a bachelor of arts degree in religious studies, which today is the largest such program at a public university in the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, the author or editor of eight books, he has engaged during his career in scholarship ranging widely across a variety of humanities and social science disciplines and focusing on nationalism as it relates to ancient societies, including the formation of Israel; and

Whereas, with over seventy published articles and essays in leading peer‑review journals in a variety of fields, Dr. Grosby enjoys an international reputation as an academician, and his recent publications include *Nationalism: A Very Short Introduction* published by Oxford Press in 2005 and *Biblical Ideas of Nationality: Ancient and Modern* published in 2002; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the years of unparalleled dedication that Dr. Steven Grosby has devoted to educating young students in the Palmetto State on the cusp of their careers, and the members wish him many years of enjoyment as he begins his well‑earned retirement at the end of the 2018‑2019 school year. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. Steven Grosby, professor of religion at Clemson University, upon the occasion of his retirement after twenty‑two years of exemplary service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Steven Grosby.

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