**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BARBARA L. HORN, O.D., ON HER EXEMPLARY CAREER AND TO APPLAUD HER WELL‑DESERVED APPOINTMENT TO THE ROLE OF PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives deem it fitting and proper to pause in their deliberations to honor Barbara L. Horn, O.D., on the occasion of her appointment to the role of President of the American Optometric Association (AOA); and

Whereas, on Saturday, June 22, 2019, Dr. Barbara Horn will be sworn in as the next President of the AOA. The AOA is the acknowledged leader and recognized authority for eye and vision care in the world. Dr. Horn has dedicated over twenty years to serving this purpose and providing patients with the best care possible; and

Whereas, Dr. Horn earned her Doctor of Optometry from Michigan College of Optometry in Big Rapids, Michigan, and went on to the American Board of Optometry for further study; and

Whereas, she began her career as an independent contractor and lease holder for Pearle Vision in the Denver area of Colorado. From this position, which she held from 1998‑1999, she worked her way to the role of Executive Director for TLC Laser Eye Center in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She remained in this capacity for a year before moving on to private practice, where she continued for five years. In 2006, she began work as president of ExpertEyes, Family Eye Center and Optical in Washington, Michigan. April 2016 saw her make the move from Michigan to the beautiful Palmetto State. Currently, Dr. Horn is an optometric physician with Indigo Vision Center in Georgetown; and

Whereas, Dr. Horn has an unparalleled service history, having served in almost fifty organizations since 1994 in various positions. Within the AOA, Dr. Horn boasts an impressive résumé with service on various committees, including finance, constitution and bylaws, investment, and executive, and has acted as liaison to multiple institutions; and

Whereas, she also has been published and featured on television and radio segments, both in South Carolina and Michigan, covering optometric topics; and

Whereas, her efforts have been widely acknowledged with multiple awards, some of which include being named the Most Influential Women in Optical by Vision Monday, the Optometrist of the Year in 2018 and 2011 by South Carolina Optometric Physicians Association and the Michigan Optometric Association, and the Young Optometrist of the Year in 2005 and 2006 by the Michigan Optometric Association and the American Optometric Association, respectively. These only scratch the surface of the numerous honors she has received; and

Whereas, she has even further committed her time to representing the Michigan Optometric Association and the AOA by giving lectures, keynote speeches, and presentations at various locations since 2001; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for Dr. Horn’s tireless efforts and wish her many years of continued success and happiness. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Barbara L. Horn, O.D., on her exemplary career and applaud her well‑deserved appointment to the role of President of the American Optometric Association.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Barbara L. Horn.

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