**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR DR. JOHN CATALANO, CAMPUS DEAN AT USC UNION AND ASSOCIATE PROVOST OF PALMETTO COLLEGE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS ACTING DEAN AFTER FIVE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THAT POST AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives has learned that on August 15, 2020, Dr. John Catalano will begin a well‑deserved retirement from his role as acting campus dean at USC Union; and

Whereas, over the years, Dean Catalano has contributed much to Palmetto College and its predecessor, including a thirty‑three‑year career at USC Lancaster, where he also served as campus dean. He began serving USC Union as acting campus dean in November 2015; and

Whereas, under Dean Catalano’s leadership, USC Union has accomplished much, including setting an enrollment record each semester, more than doubling the enrollment; reducing financial aid default rates to the second best among regional Palmetto College campuses; and greatly improving facilities through adding and remodeling buildings and grounds; and

Whereas, further, USC Union has negotiated an agreement with the Union Carnegie Library that has transformed student library services, it has reapplied for the TRIO/Opportunity Scholars Program, and it has seen increased millage from Union County; and

Whereas, the school also has added new sports to the Bantam athletics program, a BSN program with USC Aiken, and student housing through a public‑private partnership, and it has received over one million dollars in gifts and property; and

Whereas, many of these improvements occurred while Dr. Catalano served simultaneously as interim dean of Extended University (now Palmetto College Columbia) and as associate provost of Palmetto College. While he is stepping down from his role as acting USC Union campus dean, Dr. Catalano will continue to serve Palmetto College as associate provost; and

Whereas, the people of South Carolina owe a great debt of gratitude to Dean Catalano for the work he has done for Palmetto College in all of his roles and particularly for his role in revitalizing USC Union as the institution of choice among residents in its service area; and

Whereas, the House, appreciative of the legacy of committed excellence Dr. Catalano has bestowed on this great State, takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he steps down from his post as acting campus dean. The members, as well, are pleased that South Carolina will continue to enjoy the benefit of his wisdom, experience, and skill as he carries on his service as associate provost of Palmetto College. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate and honor Dr. John Catalano, acting campus dean at USC Union and associate provost of Palmetto College, upon the occasion of his retirement as acting dean after five years of distinguished service in that post 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. John Catalano.

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