**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE FRANK WIDEMAN III, PRESIDENT OF THE SELF FAMILY FOUNDATION, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY‑SEVEN YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Frank Wideman of Greenwood County has begun a well‑deserved retirement after twenty‑seven years of premier leadership with the Self Family Foundation as its distinguished and highly regarded president; and

Whereas, Mr. Wideman joined the Self Family Foundation as its president in 1993, after retiring from a successful career in the United States Army, having achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

Whereas, representing the foundation in the community, the State, and the Southeast, he also accepted leadership roles in many industry organizations, such as the Southeastern Council of Foundations; and

Whereas, during his tenure, Mr. Wideman helped the foundation, founded in 1942, to transition from a single grant‑maker organization to a true multigenerational family foundation; and

Whereas, under his leadership, the foundation has expanded Montessori education in the state’s public schools and implemented Clemson University’s “Call Me Mister” program, which is designed to increase the number of African American male teachers in the state’s public schools; and

Whereas, Mr. Wideman oversaw a two‑million dollar grant that repurposed the former federal building in downtown Greenwood into an arts and cultural district, revitalizing economic life in Uptown Greenwood and beyond; and

Whereas, he managed foundation investments used to establish the Clemson Center for Human Genetics on the Greenwood Genetic Center campus and the Greenwood Promise, which guarantees “last‑dollar” funding for two years of tuition at Piedmont Technical College for any student who graduates from a Greenwood County public or private high school; and

Whereas, Mr. Wideman plans to continue his involvement on several community boards in his retirement, and he looks forward to spending many happy hours of traveling with his wife and enjoying time with their grandchildren; and

Whereas, grateful for his many years of distinguished service to Self Family Foundation, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives take great pleasure in extending best wishes to Frank Wideman as he transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the leisurely pace of the days ahead. 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, congratulate Frank Wideman III, President of the Self Family Foundation, upon the occasion of his retirement after twenty‑seven 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 Frank Wideman III.

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