**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR EDWARD W. MULLINS, JR., OF COLUMBIA FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON RECEIVING THE 2018 UNITED WAY OF THE MIDLANDS HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Edward W. “Ed” Mullins, Jr., in grateful acknowledgement of his philanthropic contributions to the citizens of the Columbia area, has been named 2018 United Way of the Midlands Humanitarian of the Year. On February 21, 2019, he was formally presented with the award during the annual Humanitarian of the Year dinner and award ceremony; and

Whereas, this honor, which recognizes individuals who have shown extraordinary leadership in philanthropy and human services and who have made a major impact on changing and improving conditions for Midlands residents, is a fitting tribute to exemplary humanitarians with a high dedication to their calling equaling the eminence of the award; and

Whereas, a Columbia native, Ed Mullins is the son of an outstanding South Carolina appellate lawyer who joined Nelson Mullins law firm in 1917, becoming a named partner and earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues. The younger Mullins earned a bachelor’s degree in French and a juris doctor cum laude, both from the University of South Carolina. As his father neared the end of his career, Ed joined him at the firm in 1959 as its fifth lawyer; and

Whereas, Ed Mullins recently retired after fifty‑eight years with Nelson Mullins, where he was among the firm’s leaders who began the growth that would lead to offices in other cities and states, an expansion of legal practice areas, a more diverse work environment, and a significant commitment to pro bono and community service. The firm now consists of seven hundred seventy attorneys in twenty‑five offices in eleven states and the District of Columbia; and

Whereas, remembered as a razor‑sharp litigator with an encyclopedic knowledge of the law who brought out the best in others, Ed Mullins served as a mentor to young lawyers, encouraging them to engage in community service, while he set the example of giving his personal time, talent, and treasure to organizations like United Way of the Midlands; and

Whereas, he has always made giving back to his community a priority, consistently demonstrating generosity, passion, and commitment to making the Midlands, as well as the State of South Carolina as a whole, a better place for everyone; and

Whereas, Ed Mullins finds strength for his labors in the strong support of his family. He and his wife, Andrea, especially relish their frequent visits with the grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Ed Mullins who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Edward W. Mullins, Jr., of Columbia for his many years of outstanding community service and congratulate him on receiving the 2018 United Way of the Midlands Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Edward W. Mullins, Jr.

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