**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE CLEMSON PUBLIC SERVICE AND AGRICULTURE EXTENSION EMERGING LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE FOR ITS VALUABLE EFFORTS IN FOSTERING FUTURE LEADERS IN THIS STATE.

# Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize the Clemson Public Service and Agriculture Extension Emerging Leadership Initiative; and

# Whereas, the Clemson Extension Emerging Leadership Initiative provides a professional development opportunity for county or state level Clemson Extension professionals who are dedicated to fulfilling the Clemson Extension’s mission. The program is made up of twenty individuals who have shown the highest ethical standards and have demonstrated their potential as future leaders; and

# Whereas, the initiative’s mission is thus to develop a core group of successful leaders for the Clemson Extension who will inspire, have vision and impact, and assist the organization in moving forward to meet its mission; and

Whereas, in order to foster success in these future leaders, the initiative provides opportunities for personal growth and career development, enhances leaders’ roles at a higher level of excellence, promotes cohesion and team building among leaders, promotes interpersonal skills, and provides the necessary tools and skills to enhance leadership; and

Whereas, the Clemson Extension Emerging Leadership Initiative focuses on future leaders in an effort to prevent a loss of skilled leadership, as today’s veteran agents, specialists, and administrators prepare for retirement. With thousands of baby boomers retiring each day, research from the Journal of Extension indicates that the Clemson Cooperative Extension Service is facing leadership scarcity; and

Whereas, the Clemson Public Service and Agriculture Extension Emerging Leadership Initiative has dedicated itself to filling this gap, and the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate its service to the future of the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize the Clemson Public Service and Agriculture Extension Emerging Leadership Initiative for its valuable efforts in fostering future leaders in this State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Clemson University Cooperative Extension.

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