**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DIRK R. PIEPER FOR BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURERS ALLIANCE’S 2022 ROGER MILLIKEN DEFENDER OF MANUFACTURING AWARD.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Mr. Dirk R. Pieper, of Greenville, has received the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance’s 2022 Roger Milliken Defender of Manufacturing Award; and

Whereas, Mr. Pieper began his career in manufacturing at Milliken & Company in 1979 after graduating from Washington and Lee University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry; and

Whereas, Mr. Pieper served in a variety of roles in manufacturing that led to becoming Director of Manufacturing; and

Whereas, he continued his work at Milliken & Company in additional roles in management, marketing, sales, Managing Director of Milliken’s European operations, and Global Business Manager; and

Whereas, he continued to advance himself professionally by earning a Master of Business Administration degree from Clemson University in 1990; and

Whereas, Mr. Pieper’s success in the manufacturing industry prepared him to become the President and CEO of Sage Automotive Interiors in 2009; and

Whereas, he has provided leadership in business and community organizations throughout South Carolina where he has served as Chairman of the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance, the Upstate Heart Association, and the Palmetto Business Forum, as well as serving in many other meaningful organizations; and

Whereas, Mr. Pieper’s career and community service have made South Carolina a better place to work and live; and

Whereas, the Senate is grateful for Mr. Pieper’s dedicated service to the people and the State of South Carolina and takes great pleasure in saluting him for receiving the prestigious 2022 Roger Milliken Defender of Manufacturing Award granted by the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Dirk R. Pieper for being the recipient of the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance’s 2022 Roger Milliken Defender of Manufacturing Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Dirk R. Pieper.

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