**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JUDGE THOMAS E. HUFF UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE COURT OF APPEALS, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Judge Thomas E. Huff upon the occasion of his retirement from the Court of Appeals on December 31, 2021; and

Whereas, a native of Augusta, Georgia, Judge Huff was born in 1949 to parents Ernest R. Huff, a retired electrician, and Trilby C. Huff; and

Whereas, Judge Huff received his associate degree in Science from the University of South Carolina‑Aiken in 1969, his bachelor’s degree in Business from Augusta College, now Augusta State University, in 1971, and his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1975; and

Whereas, Judge Huff began his legislative career with his election to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1978. He served continuously until February of 1996 when he resigned to seek a seat on the South Carolina Court of Appeals; and

Whereas, while in the South Carolina House, Judge Huff served on the House Judiciary Committee where he chaired the General Laws subcommittee and served as Chairman of the Rules Committee; and

Whereas, during his legislative service, Judge Huff was extensively involved in the development of family law and was co‑author of South Carolina’s Equitable Division Statute; and

Whereas, before his election to the Court of Appeals, Judge Huff served as a corporate attorney for Aiken Electric Cooperative, which is one of the three largest cooperatives in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Judge Huff is a member of the South Carolina Bar Association and the Aiken County Bar Association. He was admitted to practice in all South Carolina Courts and the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, Judge Huff is a member of Curtis Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Judge Huff is married to Patricia, and together, they have one daughter and three grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the passion and dedication that Judge Huff has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Judge Thomas E. Huff upon the occasion of his retirement from the Court of Appeals, commend him for his many years of dedicated service to the State of South Carolina, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Judge Thomas E. Huff.

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