**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ADA D. STEWART, M. D., FAAFP, OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO COMMEND HER SUCCESSFUL CAREER DEVOTED TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, a board‑certified family physician, Dr. Ada Stewart practices at the Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers in Columbia, where she serves as lead provider and HIV specialist; and

Whereas, born in Cleveland, Ohio, Ada Stewart earned a bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from Ohio Northern University and a medical degree at the Medical College of Ohio; and

Whereas, Dr. Stewart completed family medicine residency training in the Palmetto State at Columbia’s Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital, and she has dedicated her career to ensuring that low‑income and uninsured families have access to high-quality health care; and

Whereas, she began her career as a National Health Service Corps scholar, caring for patients in rural South Carolina, and she continues to work with underserved communities in both rural and urban settings; and

Whereas, after the events of 9/11, Dr. Stewart enlisted in the United States Army Reserve, and holds the rank of colonel. She is a preceptor for nurse practitioners, residents, and medical students, and has received numerous awards, including the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine; and

Whereas, as a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Board of Directors, Dr. Stewart serves as board liaison to the AAFP Commission on Governmental Advocacy and AAFP Foundation. She has been a member of the AAFP Commission on Health of the Public and Science and has served as past chair of the Commission’s Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Committee. In addition, she was New Physician delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates in 2004, and was convener for the AAFP National Conference of Special Constituencies in 2010; and

Whereas, dedicated to her profession, Dr. Stewart is active in the American Medical Association, serving as AAFP delegate to the AMA Resident and Fellow Section and chair of the AMA Minority Affairs Consortium Governing Council. She has served in numerous leadership positions in her state chapter, including terms as president and board chair. She is also a member of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine, the National Medical Association, and the American Women’s Medical Association; and

Whereas, Dr. Stewart is certified in HIV care and is a member of the American Academy of HIV Medicine. In 2017, she was recognized for her work in hepatitis C treatment and prevention by the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council. In 2019, she was appointed by Secretary Alex Azar of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, to serve on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is deeply grateful for the exceptional medical care that Dr. Ada Stewart has provided to the citizens of this State, and the members wish her continued success as she cares for the underserved in our communities. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Ada D. Stewart, M. D., FAAFP, of Richland County and commend her successful career devoted to underserved communities in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Ada D. Stewart.

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