**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JOSEPH M. GRANT, PRESIDENT OF THE GRANT GROUP AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR EARNING A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY AT THE VENERABLE AGE OF SEVENTY.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are delighted to learn that South Carolina native Joseph M. Grant, at the age of seventy, recently earned a doctorate in political science with a focus on American government and Black politics from Howard University; and

Whereas, Joseph Montgomery Grant was born in 1950, the oldest of seven children, and grew up in Spartanburg during the segregation era. At the height of integration, he attended Carver High School before graduating from predominately White Spartanburg High School, Wofford College, and the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Dr. Grant worked as an association executive and lobbyist for many years and in other positions around the political arena, which sparked his interest in studying American government. This interest, combined with a lifelong desire to attend Howard University and a passion for learning, led him to move to the District of Columbia and begin his doctoral studies there in 2015 at the age of sixty‑five; and

Whereas, Joseph Grant’s academic pursuits were interrupted by life threatening medical issues that seriously endangered his ability to complete his degree, forcing him to suspend his studies for two years. But as he had done throughout life, Joseph Grant met the challenge with determination and prevailed; and

Whereas, with the support of his academic village, Joseph Grant preserved and completed his rigorous doctoral studies, inspiring his professors and classmates with his grit and keen intellect; and

Whereas, Dr. Grant’s dissertation probed Black South Carolina politicians, providing a legacy of research to help Black political leaders extend their involvement and influence in the development of public policy; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to commend Dr. Joseph M. Grant, and the members congratulate him on his accomplishments that exemplify his wise advice to others never to give up. 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 Dr. Joseph M. Grant, president of the Grant Group and congratulate him for earning a doctoral degree in political science from Howard University at the venerable age of seventy.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Joseph M. Grant.

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