**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE HEROIC INTERVENTION OF C. DORN SMITH III, M.D., OF FLORENCE, WHO GAVE LIFESAVING ASSISTANCE TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE WESTON NEWTON ON NOVEMBER 27, 2021, AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS QUICK ACTION IN RESPONDING TO THE EMERGENCY.

Whereas, on Saturday, November 27, 2021, at the Palmetto Bowl, State Representative Weston Newton of Beaufort experienced a life‑threatening event. Through the intervention of fast‑acting medical personnel, the event has been resigned to merely a terrifying memory; and

Whereas, while enjoying the game, Representative Newton began choking on food. Someone nearby noticed and urgently called for any doctors in the Board of Trustees Suite to come downstairs, but none were immediately available; and

Whereas, a medical ICU nurse from Prisma Richland answered the call, running downstairs to help. She found Representative Newton blue and unresponsive while having the Heimlich maneuver performed on him. The nurse jumped into action, performing chest compressions on him for several minutes until medics arrived; and

Whereas, fortunately, premier surgeon Dorn Smith, chairman of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees, was alerted by his family to the emergency. His years of training and experience in the operating room led to his fast response, immediately going to the assistance of Representative Newton; and

Whereas, Dr. Smith is a nationally‑acclaimed surgeon who specializes in cardiothoracic, vascular, and endovascular surgery. Representative Newton couldn’t have been in better hands; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to hear that Weston Newton is recovering well from his ordeal thanks in large part to the presence of mind and urgent action of Dr. Smith. The members of the South Carolina House of Representatives express their heartfelt gratitude for Dr. Smith’s assistance and take much pleasure in lauding his actions which aided in saving Representative Newton’s life. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the heroic intervention of C. Dorn Smith III, M.D., of Florence, who gave lifesaving assistance to State Representative Weston Newton on November 27, 2021, and commend him for his quick action in responding to the emergency.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to C. Dorn Smith III, M.D.

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