**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE NEAL ALEXANDER FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE NORTH CAROLINA LIONS HALL OF FAME.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate honor and recognize Neal Alexander for his enduring and important contributions to furthering the goals of Lionism; and

Whereas, Neal Alexander is an alumnus of Gardner Webb University, where he earned a Doctor of Humanities. A veteran, he served on active duty with the South Carolina National Guard; and

Whereas, having been sponsored by his father, Lion Claude N. Alexander, Neal has been a member of the Lions for fifty-two years and is currently a member of the Lincolnton Lions Club. He has held numerous offices at the club level, including club president. At the district level, he has served as zone chairman, region chairman, district committee chairman of a number of committees, and district governor. At the state level, he has served as the general chairman of the Promotions Committee, member and secretary of the North Carolina Lions, Inc. Board of Directors, second vice president, first vice president, and president. He also led the development and implementation of the long range plan for the North Carolina Lions Foundation; and

Whereas, outside of Lionism, Neal led a forty-year career with Duke Energy, eventually retiring as the vice president of human resources of the United States Franchised Electric and Gas Group. He also served as interim dean of Gardner Webb University’s Godbold School of Business and as vice president and chief of staff to the president. Upon the request of Governor McCrory, he came out of retirement to serve as director of the North Carolina State Office of Human Resources; and

Whereas, a leader in his community, Neal has also served as a board member for a number of organizations, including Gardner Webb University, Carolina’s Specialty Hospital, Foundation for a Healthy Carolina, Carolinas Health System—Lincolnton, The Employers Association, Center for Energy Workforce Development, Utility Industry Workforce Initiative, National Association of Personnel Executives, and United Way of Lincoln County; and

Whereas, over the years, Neal has received many awards, including the Melvin Jones Fellowship, Jack Stickley Award, William L. Wollard Partner-in-Service Award, two International President’s Certificates of Appreciation, Order of the Longleaf Pine, Rooney Award from The National Association for State Personnel Executives, Duke Power William S. Lee Leadership Award, Babcock Award from The Employers Association, and Alumnus of the Year from Gardner Webb University; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, Neal is a member of the First Baptist Church of Lincolnton, where he has served as deacon, deacon chair, Building Committee chair, Personnel Committee chair, and member of the Long Range Planning Committee; and

Whereas, Neal is the son of the late Claude N. and Virginia C. Alexander. He and his wife, Shirley, have two daughters, Stacey and Kayla, and two grandchildren, Jordan and Luke; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the dedication and commitment that Neal Alexander has shown in serving Lions Club International. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Neal Alexander for his induction into the North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Neal Alexander.

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