**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE PHILIP WILLIS UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE AND 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 Philip Willis upon the occasion of his official retirement from the South Carolina Senate in the summer of 2021; and

Whereas, Philip Willis was born in Washington, D.C., where he lived before moving to Maryland as a teenager. He is an alumnus of the University of South Carolina, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts and his Master of Public Administration; and

Whereas, a proud veteran of the United States Navy, he served to protect the freedom, democracy, and security of our State and nation; and

Whereas, Philip served in various capacities during his time working in South Carolina government, including working in the Governor’s Office, the Department of Education, and the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee before beginning his work with the South Carolina Senate; and

Whereas, Philip is married to Angie Willis. He has three children: Karen, Kimberly, and Robert. They have one beloved granddaughter, Sophia; and

Whereas, in retirement, Philip plans to travel, take sail boat rides, play tennis, enjoy wine dinners, cook, take up new hobbies like zip lining, and, most of all, spend more time with his granddaughter; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the incredible dedication and commitment that Philip Willis has shown in serving this body and the State at large. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Philip Willis upon the occasion of his retirement from the South Carolina Senate, commend him for his over twenty-five years of dedicated service to the people and the State of South Carolina, including over six years of service to the South Carolina Senate, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Philip Willis.

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