**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND THOMAS F. HARTNETT FOR HIS FOURTEEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PALMETTO STATE AS A PUBLIC MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL AND, AS HE DEPARTS FROM THE AGENCY, TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, for fourteen years, the South Carolina Legislative Audit Council (LAC) enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of Thomas F. Hartnett, public member of the LAC, until he stepped down from his duties at the recent expiration of his current term; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, Thomas F. Hartnett attended the College of Charleston and served in the United States Air Force Reserve from 1963 to 1969 and the South Carolina Air National Guard from 1981 to 1987; and

Whereas, prior to serving on Legislative Audit Council, Mr. Hartnett was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives from a Charleston‑area district and served four terms in that body (1965‑1973); and

Whereas, in addition, in 1972 he was elected to the South Carolina Senate, where he served two terms (1973‑1981); and

Whereas, Thomas Hartnett became the first Republican to win an undisputed election in his Charleston district since Reconstruction and was elected to the United States Congress. He served as a member of Congress from 1981 to 1987; and

Whereas, a licensed realtor since 1963, Mr. Hartnett founded Hartnett Realty in his hometown of Mt. Pleasant and worked with the company for more than forty years; and

Whereas, in 2007, he was appointed a public member of the South Carolina Legislative Audit Council and served in that capacity until 2021. As a member of the council, Mr. Hartnett was responsible for reviewing and approving performance audits performed by LAC staff; and

Whereas, respected by his peers, he further has served twelve years as a member of the South Carolina State Ports Authority and was state chairman of the George H.W. Bush presidential campaign in 1988; and

Whereas, Mr. Hartnett, who also holds the esteem of his community, was a founding member and board chairman of Harbor National Bank, a past member of the board of directors of SouthTrust Bank, a past president of the Breakfast Exchange Club of Charleston, and a past member of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Hartnett has served as a member of the board of directors for Roper Hospital, the Hibernian Society of Charleston, and the Knights of Columbus Council 704; and

Whereas, the Senate, appreciative of the commitment and leadership Thomas F. Hartnett has bestowed on this great State, takes great pleasure in wishing him all the best as he enters a new phase of his career. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate and commend Thomas F. Hartnett for his fourteen years of distinguished service to the people of the Palmetto State as a public member of the South Carolina Legislative Audit Council and, as he departs from the agency, extend best wishes for continued success and fulfillment in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Thomas F. Hartnett.

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