**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RODDEY E. GETTYS III, THE FORMER CEO OF BAPTIST EASLEY HOSPITAL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY‑THREE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the South Carolina General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Roddey E. Gettys III for his significant contributions to the health care profession in South Carolina; and

Whereas, after beginning his college career at Erskine College in 1963, Roddey Gettys earned a bachelor of science in pharmacy from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston in 1968; and

Whereas, he served as a pharmacist at Greenville General Hospital in Greenville until 1969 and then joined the staff at the Baptist Medical Center in Easley as the director of the pharmacy, central supply, and purchasing departments; and

Whereas, promoted to vice president in 1977, he directed the pharmacy, anesthesiology, respiratory‑therapy, laboratory, radiology, education, marketing, and volunteer‑services departments; and

Whereas, in 1981, he earned a certificate of health care administration from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Gettys began serving as the executive vice president and chief operating officer of Palmetto Health Baptist Easley in 1988, and beginning in 2009, he served as Baptist Easley Hospital’s CEO; and

Whereas, he announced his retirement in 2012 after more than forty‑three years of devoted service in the medical field for the citizens of the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly appreciate the dedicated and exceptional service that Roddey Gettys has given to health care in our State and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Roddey E. Gettys III, the former CEO of Baptist Easley Hospital, upon the occasion of his retirement after forty‑three years of outstanding service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Roddey E. Gettys III.

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