**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. TED NEWMAN OF DARLINGTON COUNTY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEE DEE AREA.

Whereas, it is with much pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great state’s citizenry; and

Whereas, Dr. Ted Newman of Hartsville in Darlington County stands high among their number as an outstanding public benefactor, one much admired in his role as both doctor of optometry and leader in the community; and

Whereas, born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Ted Newman received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Illinois State University, followed by his doctor of optometry degree, earned at the Illinois College of Optometry. In 1980, Dr. Newman moved to Hartsville, where he joined the practice of Dr. Howard Tucker. Embracing his new hometown, Dr. Newman became a well‑respected citizen among his Hartsville neighbors; and

Whereas, Ted Newman believes strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community in numerous capacities. Past and present service includes membership on the boards of Hartsville United Way and Hartsville Red Cross. In addition, he has been a member of the Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees since 1991 and has served as board chair since 1996; and

Whereas, a past member and officer for the Hartsville Jaycees, he is also a current member and past president of the Hartsville Rotary Club, where he was named a Paul Harris Fellow, Rotarian of the Year, and 10 Star Rotarian; and

Whereas, this man of faith serves his God as a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church, where he has held several administrative and teaching positions; and

Whereas, further, Dr. Newman is a leader in his profession. A current member of the national American Optometric Association, locally Dr. Newman has been a member and twice president of the Pee Dee Optometric Association. In recognition of his distinguished service, Dr. Newman was selected as one of “America’s Top Optometrists” (2002‑2003); and

Whereas, he finds strength for his labors in the strong support of his family: his wife, the former Laura West, to whom he was married before entering optometry school; his three beautiful daughters; and his six delightful grandchildren; and

Whereas, cognizant of his invaluable contributions to the people of the Palmetto State, most particularly those of Hartsville, the House extends grateful thanks to Dr. Newman for his many years of committed service. As he continues to serve, the members wish this adopted son of South Carolina much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. Ted Newman of Darlington County for his many years of dedicated and outstanding service to the Pee Dee area.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Ted Newman.

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