**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND STANLEY C. BAKER, JR., M.D., MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF TRUSTEES, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BOARD AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate has learned that Stanley C. Baker, Jr., M.D., member of the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Trustees, soon will retire from the board after forty years of distinguished service; and

Whereas, a true son of the Palmetto State, Dr. Baker has served his fellow South Carolinians as a patriot, physician, and leader; and

Whereas, having served in the U.S. Navy as a young man, he returned to South Carolina, where he graduated from The Citadel and the Medical College of South Carolina on the same day. He continued his medical training at George Washington University, rising to the post of chief resident; and

Whereas, following the completion of his training, Dr. Baker returned to his native State to practice medicine. He became president of the medical staff and chief of surgery at Self Regional Health Center, where he practiced general, vascular, and thoracic surgery for four decades and gained recognition across the State and nation. He became a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, among other professional accomplishments; and

Whereas, over the years, Dr. Baker engaged in a wide range of civic and professional activities, including service as chairman of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce and Greenwood County Council and president of the Rotary Club. For his service, he has received well‑deserved recognition, earning among other honors the Order of the Silver Crescent, the state’s highest civilian award for significant contributions, leadership, volunteerism, and lifelong influence within a region or community; and

Whereas, Dr. Baker joined the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Board of Trustees in 1977, serving as chair and vice chair during his tenure, which coincided with the unprecedented growth of MUSC and its contributions to health care. This expansion vaulted the institution to a place of national and international acclaim; and

Whereas, Stanley Baker’s entire life has been a model for all to follow, from his continuous service to others to his constant learning of new skills, from his adventures as a pilot and sea captain to his labors as a wood craftsman. This is a man who is as comfortable in the outdoors as he is in the operating room, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, as well as a leader and visionary in the health sciences; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and leadership Dr. Baker has bestowed on this great State, particularly through his work on the MUSC Board of Trustees, the Senate takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he retires from the board and trusts he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend Stanley C. Baker, Jr., M.D., member of the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Trustees, upon the occasion of his retirement from the board and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Stanley C. Baker, Jr., M.D.

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