**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE COLES DWIGHT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CAROLINA FILTERS INCORPORATED, ON BEING NAMED 2010 GREATER SUMTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Coles Dwight, chief executive officer of Carolina Filters, Incorporated, has been named the 2010 Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year; and

Whereas, Mr. Dwight, a Sumter resident, grew Carolina Filters from twenty employees to more than one hundred. The longtime family‑owned company serves clients in a wide variety of sectors, including manufacturing, hospitals, schools, government, military bases, and commercial properties; and

Whereas, under Coles Dwight’s leadership, Carolina Filters has continued to thrive and expand, despite the slumping economy. In June 2009, the company announced a $3 million capital investment that is expected to generate as many as twenty jobs during the next five years; and

Whereas, Mr. Dwight’s implementation of “green” technology also has won him special acclaim. As part of the expansion announced in June 2009, the company launched a partnership with Longworth Engineering Limited, a filter‑cleaning equipment manufacturer based in the United Kingdom. As Longworth’s North American representative, Carolina Filters will be using a technology called DEECOM, which eliminates chemicals and solvents in the cleaning process and minimizes environmental impact; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, recognizing the excellence of his example, takes great pleasure in honoring Mr. Dwight for winning the prestigious 2010 Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year award and wishes him every future success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Coles Dwight, chief executive officer of Carolina Filters Incorporated, on being named 2010 Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Coles Dwight.

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