**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. EMERSON F. GOWER, JR., UPON HIS RETIREMENT AND TO WISH HIM ALL THE BEST IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, Mr. Emerson F. Gower, Jr., is Vice President of Progress Energy ‑ Southern Region. The company is responsible for delivering electric service to 315,000 customers in northeastern South Carolina and south‑central North Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Emerson F. Gower joined the company in 1970 and worked in a variety of capacities throughout the Carolinas and Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, his civic and community activities include Past Chairman, S.C. Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics Foundation; Past Chairman, S.C. Chamber of Commerce; Past Chairman, Board of Trustees Coker College; Past Chairman, Francis Marion University Campaign for Excellence Steering Committee; Advisory Board, Clemson University Engineering School; Past Director, Florence County Economic Development Partnership; Member, Wachovia Bank Advisory Board; Past Deacon, First Baptist Church in Florence; Member, Florence Rotary; Member, Board of Directors, North Carolina Zoological Society; Director, S.C. Manufacturers Alliance; Past Member, S.C. Climate, Energy & Commerce Advisory Committee; and Member, Palmetto Business Forum; and

Whereas, his honors include Honorary Doctorate of Humanities, Francis Marion University; Distinguished Citizen Award, Pee Dee Council Boy Scouts of America; and Community Service Award, Florence United Way; and

Whereas, he is married to Jane Emerson and together they have a daughter, Ashley, and a son, Emerson. They also have two granddaughters, Madison and Caroline. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina congratulates Mr. Emerson F. Gower, Jr., upon his retirement and to wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Emerson Gower.

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