**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HENRY T. HOPKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, FOR HIS YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO THE PALMETTO STATE.

Whereas, the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina pause in their deliberations to commend the significant contributions of Henry T. Hopkins as the executive director of the Eau Claire Community Council, a neighborhood collaborative representing forty communities in North Columbia; and

Whereas, a native of the Town of Hopkins, Henry Hopkins served four years with the United States Air Force after he graduated from Booker T. Washington High School; and

Whereas, in 1954, he returned to Columbia and attended Allen University before beginning a successful career with the United States Postal Service that would span thirty‑five years; and

Whereas, after he retired, he served in the South Carolina General Assembly as a legislative aide from 1988 to 1990; and

Whereas, beginning in 1989, Henry Hopkins served on the Eau Claire Redevelopment Corporation which outlined proposed growth and development in the North Columbia area, and then he served as the chair of the board of the newly formed Eau Claire Development Corporation from 2004 to 2008; and

Whereas, he served on the Sumter‑Columbia Empowerment Zone which provided federal resources to the two communities to address issues of urban decay and to provide economic opportunity, and he currently serves on the board of the Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc.; and

Whereas, although he has resided in North Columbia since 1965, he maintains his membership at New Light Beulah Baptist Church in Congaree, where he has faithfully served as a deacon, church clerk, and Sunday school teacher; and

Whereas, he has worked closely with the Booker T. Washington High School Foundation to secure and renovate the historic Monteith School in the Eau Claire section of Columbia, which has been established as the Booker T. Washington/Monteith Cultural Center, providing educational and cultural activities that chronicle black education during the years of segregation; and

Whereas, in 2000, Mr. Hopkins was awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent, a civilian honor presented by the State Legislature to people who make significant contributions to their communities; and

Whereas, for ten years he was married to his beloved wife, the late Doris Clark Hopkins, and he has two fine children and two adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the significant contributions that Henry T. Hopkins has made to his community, his State, and his nation, and for the impact his work has had on the lives of so many citizens. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Henry T. Hopkins, the executive director of the Eau Claire Community Council, for his years of devoted service to his community and to the Palmetto State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Henry T. Hopkins.

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