**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE JOHN C. LAND, III, ONE OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S MOST ADMIRED STATESMAN FOR A LIFETIME OF UNSELFISH PUBLIC SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION, AND TO EXPRESS DEEP GRATITUDE TO HIM ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL STATE FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE FOR SOUTH CAROLINA AS HE RETIRES FROM THE SENATE AFTER SERVING THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate with deep and sincere regret have learned that a trusted colleague and friend, the Honorable John Calhoun Land, III, will retire from this body at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, John Land, of Manning, has served Calhoun, Clarendon, Florence, and Sumter Counties with distinction in the South Carolina Senate since 1977, and he previously served in the House of Representatives from 1975-76; and

Whereas, he was born in 1941 in Manning, the son of John Calhoun, Jr. and Anne Weisiger Land. In 1960 he attended the University of Florida in Vocational Forestry. He received a B.S. degree from the University of South Carolina in 1965 and his Juris Doctor in 1968; and

Whereas, during his tenure in the Senate, Senator Land earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues from both parties and from all those inside and outside of government with whom he came into contact with as a man of keen intellect and ability and straightforward honesty and integrity. He ably served as the Senate Democratic Majority Leader from 1993 to 2000 and has currently served as the Senate Democratic Minority Leader since 2000; and

Whereas, he is a very successful community and business leader in Manning as an attorney and received the Compleat Lawyer Award by the University of South Carolina Law School Alumni Association in 1996; and

Whereas, Senator Land received an honorary Doctoral of Law degree from the University of South Carolina in 2007 and an honorary Ph.D. from the College of Charleston in 2008; and

Whereas, he and his beloved wife of nearly forty-seven years, Marie, raised three children, John Calhoun IV, Frances, and William “Ceth”, and together they have eight grandchildren, Jamie, Caroline “Bitsy”, Anders, Jay, Anne, Breland, Isabella “Bella”, and John, V; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate will most certainly miss the passion and good humor that John Land has brought to the Senate, and especially his skills as a debator, most notably the day he debated in his sneakers; and

Whereas, it is appropriate for the Senate to pause in their deliberations so that they may honor this great son of South Carolina and at the same time reflect on the extraordinary example he has set for those men and women in every generation who are called to public service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution,

commend the Honorable John C. Land, III, one of South Carolina’s most admired statesman for a lifetime of unselfish public service to his community, State, and Nation, and to express deep gratitude to him on behalf of a grateful State for all that he has done for South Carolina as he retires from the Senate after serving thirty-seven years in the General Assembly.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable John C. Land, III.

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