**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE MR. JIM ALEXANDER, OCONEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, UPON HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM WELL IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, Oconee County Economic Development Director Jim Alexander has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2012; and

Whereas, Mr. Alexander has served as the director since December 1999 and is only the second economic development director for the county; and

Whereas, during his tenure Mr. Alexander has successfully worked with the industrial community to increase its local investments and job creation strategies and to encourage new businesses of all varieties to come to Oconee County; and

Whereas, over the years his accomplishments have included developing the first industrial park, the Oconee County Commerce Center; coordinating plans for Golden Corner Commerce Park and Echo Hills Industrial Park; creating opportunities for 2,492 new jobs with $560+ million in capital investments; establishing the Oconee County Industrial Group, Oconee Alliance, and the Mountain Lake Business Development Corporation; and organizing the Business and Industry Showcase “An Educational Initiative” and reaching over 5,000 students with career opportunities; and

Whereas, he has further served his community with service on the AdvanceSC Board of Directors, Tri-County Technical College Foundation Board of Directors, Business and Education Partnership Board of Directors, Education Foundation of Oconee County Board of Directors, and the WorkLink Board of Directors; and

Whereas, a native of Ohio, Jim graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy and in 1968 with an MBA in Production Management from Syracuse University; and

Whereas, he proudly served his country and is a thirty-year veteran and Colonel of the United States Air Force with over 4,000 hours of flying time; and

Whereas, Jim and his wife, Martha, are the proud parents of two sons, Andy and Douglas, and two wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the significant contributions that Jim Alexander 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, by this resolution, honor and recognize Mr. Jim Alexander, Oconee County Economic Development Director, upon his retirement, and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Jim Alexander.

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