**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JOHN ZUBIZARRETA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE, AND CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED U. S. PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR FOR UNDERGRADUATE BACCALAUREATE COLLEGES BY THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING AND THE COUNCIL FOR ADVANCEMENT AND SUPPORT OF EDUCATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Dr. John Zubizarreta, Columbia College professor of English and director of honors and faculty development, was named U. S. Professor of the Year for Undergraduate Baccalaureate Colleges by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education; and

Whereas, Dr. Zubizarreta’s parents emigrated from Cuba from 1949 to 1950 before Castro’s revolutionary march to Havana in 1959, and he was born shortly after they arrived in New York City’s Harlem, where they lived until his early teen years; and

Whereas, the family moved across the Hudson River to Union City, New Jersey, and stayed there until his junior year of high school, and then moved to Miami, Florida, to be near other family members who had left Cuba; and

Whereas, after high school he entered Miami‑Dade Junior College where Dr. Margie Buhr nurtured his growing love of language and literature and planted the seeds for his interest in interdisciplinary learning; she would later help to fund his graduate work at the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, upon his graduation from Florida International University, he entered the University of South Carolina graduate program, earning a master’s degree and a doctoral degree in literature; and

Whereas, Dr. “Z,” as his students affectionately call him, has thrilled countless students in untold classes with his enthusiastic appreciation for the works of Flannery O’Connor, T. S. Eliot and Robert Frost, and has made incalculable personal investments in their lives both in and out of the classroom; and

Whereas, an outstanding scholar, teacher, citizen, and leader, Dr. Zubizarreta is the first professor in South Carolina ever to receive this prestigious national honor; and

Whereas, he was nominated by the Columbia College administration and supported by his peers and students for his extraordinary dedication and passion for undergraduate teaching, for his scholarly approach to teaching and learning, and for his contribution to undergraduate education in the institution, community, and profession; and

Whereas, a dedicated husband and father, Dr. Zubizarreta served as the past‑president of the National Collegiate Honors Council and represents his institution and State regionally, nationally, and internationally with the highest professionalism and integrity; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the significant contributions that Dr. John Zubizarreta has made to the field of education and to the student‑leaders in the Columbia College Honors Program and for the national and international distinction he has brought to Columbia College and to our State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. John Zubizarreta for his outstanding career at Columbia College, and congratulate him for being named U. S. Professor of the Year for Undergraduate Baccalaureate Colleges by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. John Zubizarreta.

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