**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAY RICKMAN, SR., FOUNDER AND OWNER OF AMCOL SYSTEMS AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, UPON HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM THE BEST IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, Jay Rickman, Sr., founder and owner of AMCOL Systems, a family‑owned Columbia business he started with his wife in 1976, is retiring after thirty‑five years of service to South Carolina businesses; and

Whereas, a resident of Columbia, Jay Rickman, with his wife, Mary, has been a driving force in creating and leading the South Carolina Collectors Association (SCCA), which received the ACA International Unit Certificate of Excellence for three consecutive years. Mr. Rickman also received the Unit Leader of the Year Award in 2005; and

Whereas, for three and a half decades, Jay Rickman, Sr., has fought tirelessly for limited government and the removal of onerous state licensure requirements on behalf of the SCCA, of which he is past president and from which he is now also retiring; and

Whereas, in the course of his long career, Jay Rickman, Sr., has made unparalleled personal contributions of time, talent, and resources in assisting friends in the credit and collection industry in their quest for elective office and has been a valuable asset in advocating passage of industry‑friendly legislation; and

Whereas, his passion and determination to serve the family of ACA International have made him a shining example of how political and grassroots activism pays off in huge dividends for the entire industry; and

Whereas, in recognition of his many years of fruitful service, Mr. Rickman will be honored at a retirement celebration to be held Thursday, February 10, 2011, at the Summit Club in Columbia; and

Whereas, having made his mark and set the bar of achievement extraordinarily high in his profession, Mr. Rickman will be remembered with affection and gratitude by colleagues and legislative friends for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Jay Rickman, Sr., founder and owner of AMCOL Systems and past president of the South Carolina Collectors Association, upon his retirement, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Jay Rickman, Sr.

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