**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. WILLIAM HAPPY HAYS OF COLUMBIA, TERRITORY REPRESENTATIVE FOR PATTERSON DENTAL COMPANIES, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, since 1958, the Columbia branch of Patterson Dental Companies (formerly Thompson Dental Company) has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and mentorship of Mr. William Happy Hays, who on May 22, 2014, will retire after more than fifty‑five years of service as a territory representative; and

Whereas, born January 22, 1933, in Anderson, he was the fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hays. The young Happy graduated from Boys High in Anderson in 1955 and worked at Merchinson’s Men’s Store throughout high school, after which he went to work for Calvo’s Dental Lab; and

Whereas, in the 1950s, heeding the call of his country, he joined the U.S. Army and served both at home and abroad. Following his tour of military duty, he returned to Calvo’s Dental Lab and in December 1957 married Patsy Kay; and

Whereas, the new couple moved in 1958 to Columbia, where Happy went to work for Thompson Dental Company. He and Patsy settled in and raised a fine family of two children, William Happy, Jr., and the late Kathryn Lynn. Hap lost Patsy to cancer in 1990 and married Terry Cobb in 1996; and

Whereas, known to all as a true Southern gentleman, Happy wore bow ties long before they became the popular dress of today and never made a call to a dental office without a coat and tie. Along the way, he has mentored a great number of other dental sales representatives in appropriate business conduct and the art of dress. He has been referred to by many, including the president of Patterson Dental Companies, as the “Best Dressed Man in Dentistry”; and

Whereas, for his outstanding work, in 2009 the South Carolina Dental Association honored him with its Presidential Citation; and

Whereas, Happy Hays believes strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community in several capacities. He served the Jaycees as a local president and state director and was a member of the Sertoma Club for more than twelve years. A man of faith, Hap served as a deacon at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church and is currently a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, to recognize Hap for his many years of service to the dental profession, his colleagues will host a retirement celebration in his honor on May 22, 2014; and

Whereas, the General Assembly, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Hap Hays has bestowed on the Palmetto State, takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement and trusts he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Mr. William Happy Hays of Columbia, territory representative for Patterson Dental Companies, upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his many years of dedicated service, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to William Happy Hays.

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