**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO THANK JOHN P. FREEMAN OF RICHLAND COUNTY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, aware that this great State could not carry out its manifold duties without the assistance of numerous citizens who selflessly serve, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the many years of service John P. Freeman has given to the Palmetto State as a member of its Judicial Merit Selection Commission; and

Whereas, in preparation for his long and distinguished career, Mr. Freeman earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting at the University of Notre Dame and a law degree at the University of Notre Dame Law School, followed by a master of laws degree at the University of Pennsylvania Law School; and

Whereas, over the years, he has served in various capacities, including professor of law and special counsel, for several universities and other institutions. He is presently a distinguished professor emeritus and John T. Campbell chair in business and professional ethics emeritus at the University of South Carolina School of Law; and

Whereas, in appreciation for his outstanding service, John Freeman has received numerous honors, including the Winston Churchill Award (South Carolina Jury Trial Foundation, 1995), Distinguished Service Award (South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association, 2000), and John Belton O’Neall Inn of Court McDonald/Rhodes Award (2010); and

Whereas, among his many scholarly and professional writings are his regular columns for *South Carolina Lawyer* on legal ethics, published from 1999 to 2008. In addition, he has presented at a multitude of CLE courses sponsored by the South Carolina Bar, among other entities; and

Whereas, in 2001, Mr. Freeman was appointed to serve on the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission, bringing with him his extensive ethics expertise, to the great benefit of the commission; and

Whereas, married to Dr. Nancy K. Freeman, a University of South Carolina associate professor in early childhood education, he is the proud father of two daughters, Gretchen Cappio and Nora Engstrom, both of whom are attorneys, and delighted grandfather of Beatrice, Julia, Connor, and Elliot; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate, grateful for John P. Freeman’s committed labors for the Palmetto State, extend their thanks for his years of service as a member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and, on behalf of all South Carolinians, wish him well as he takes on new challenges in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, thank John P. Freeman of Richland County for his many years of dedicated service as a member of the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission and wish him much success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to John P. Freeman.

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