**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR NORMAN F. PULLIAM, SR., FOR HIS MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SC SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND AND TO WISH HIM ALL THE BEST AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE.

Whereas, Norman F. Pulliam’s commitment to the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind (SCSDB) and its fundraising arm, the Walker Foundation, spans more than thirty years. Working tirelessly since 1986 to improve the lives of SCSDB students, he served as a member of the SCSDB Board of Commissioners from 1986 to 2006 (chair, 1993‑2006), and he currently is completing a ten‑year tenure as a member of the Walker Foundation Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, under his leadership at SCSDB, the school made many substantial strides in advancing the mission of the school. Mr. Pulliam led significant legislative initiatives to benefit SCSDB’s students and staff and spearheaded efforts toward achieving SCSDB’s recognition as an outstanding school by multiple educational, advocacy, and historic‑preservation organizations. His watch witnessed substantial facility improvements, including the complete renovation of Walker Hall; greater funding from public, private, and corporate sources; significantly improved school technology, accessibility, and safety; and expanded outreach services and statewide partnerships; and

Whereas, further, in 2006 Mr. Pulliam established the SCSDB Norman F. Pulliam Scholarship Award, given annually to three graduates of the school to help advance their education. For his outstanding service to SCSDB, in 2007 he was awarded the South Carolina Federation of the Blind Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas, in addition to his work in support of SCSDB, Mr. Pulliam served as co‑chairman of the Spartanburg Development Council Board of Directors and was a part of the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a past chairman of the Piedmont Chapter of the American Red Cross, past president of the Spartanburg Boys Home, and a director of the Board of Spartanburg Girls Home; and

Whereas, he serves as a commissioner from the Upstate for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, where he is one of the state’s strongest advocates for protecting South Carolina’s natural resources through land conservation; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, Norman F. Pulliam, Sr., graduated in 1964 from Clemson University, where he was winner of the coveted Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. He received an MBA from Harvard University in 1967; and

Whereas, he served as president of Pulliam Investment from 1970 to 1999, when he was elected board chairman. He now serves as chairman emeritus. He has extensive real estate experience and has developed, owned, and managed real estate valued at almost five hundred million dollars. To provide the same opportunities to the younger generation, Mr. Pulliam bestowed the endowment and gift for the Clemson Master of Real Estate Development program; and

Whereas, in recognition of his service, in 1985 Mr. Pulliam was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the state’s highest civilian honor. In 1996, he was named Philanthropist of the Year by the Piedmont Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and in 2015 he received the Clemson Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Norman Pulliam has bestowed on this great State, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in commending him and wishing him continued success in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, honor Norman F. Pulliam, Sr., for his more than thirty years of dedicated service to the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind and wish him all the best as he continues to serve.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Norman F. Pulliam, Sr.

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