**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOHN NICHOLS “NICKY” MCCARTER, JR., MEMBER OF THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION’S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that John Nichols “Nicky” McCarter, Jr., of Richland County, was honored by the Clemson Alumni Association with the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor that the association bestows on former Clemson Tigers; and

Whereas, born in Clover, Nicky McCarter matriculated at Clemson in 1973 as a walk‑on linebacker for the Clemson Tigers’ football team, and even though his time on the football team was cut short, he remained involved in the football program and developed integral relationships that would impact his future career; and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor’s degree in administrative management from Clemson University in 1980, and was recruited by a former teammate to begin his professional career with Defender Services, a provider of professional services for industrial and manufacturing facilities, commercial and retail businesses, educational institutions, and healthcare facilities; and

Whereas, for over thirty-five years, Mr. McCarter remained with the company in various roles, and today he serves as the president and CEO of Defender Services, Inc.; and

Whereas, elected to the Clemson University Board of Trustees by the General Assembly in 2008 and reelected in 2010, 2014, and again in 2018, he has served as vice chair for the board, and during his tenure on the board, he has served on several committees, chairing some of them; and

Whereas, Mr. McCarter has also served his alma mater on the Board of Visitors, the Alumni Board of Directors, the IPTAY Board, and the Clemson University Professional Development and Continuing Education Board; and

Whereas, his collegiality among members of the General Assembly on behalf of Clemson University has proven to be a helpful benefit enabling him to serve on the board as an informed, trusted, and respected resource; and

Whereas, a member of the Thomas Green Clemson Society, Mr. McCarter serves on the NBSC Columbia Advisory Board and was a past president of the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, himself an Eagle Scout, he serves on the Indian Waters Council Executive Board and is a recipient of the Boy Scouts of America’s Distinguished Service Award and the Order of the Arrow; and

Whereas, a Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the South Carolina Waterfowl Association, Mr. McCarter has dedicated his time and experience to youth athletic associations, coaching baseball in the Palmetto Baseball League, basketball at Cardinal Newman School, and youth softball for the Columbia City League; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, the late Cass McCarter, he reared two fine children, Lauren, Clemson class of 2012, and Cole, Clemson class of 2016; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the dedicated service that Nicky McCarter has given to Clemson University and to our great State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor John Nichols “Nicky” McCarter, Jr., member of the Clemson University Board of Trustees, and congratulate him for being selected to receive the Clemson University Alumni Association’s Distinguished Service Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to John Nichols “Nicky” McCarter, Jr.

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