**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND DR. LARRY WATSON FOR HIS DEDICATION TO IDENTIFYING AND PRESERVING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE STATE’S AFRICAN AMERICANS THROUGH HIS SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR RECEIVING THE JANNIE HARRIOT FOUNDERS AWARD FOR HIS UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION.

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly take great pleasure in honoring those who give their lives for the betterment of their community and whose contributions make the Palmetto State a better place to live, like Dr. Larry Watson; and

Whereas, Dr. Larry Watson has devoted his life to uplifting and enlightening others about the contributions of African Americans to the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, he has served this great State as an associate professor of history at South Carolina State University and as an adjunct professor of history at the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, he is the founding chairperson of the South Carolina African Council for African American Studies; and

Whereas, Dr. Watson serves as chairman of the board for the WeGOJA Foundation; and

Whereas, seeing his diligence, he was appointed to the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission where he served as an ex‑officio member representing South Carolina State University; and

Whereas, in recognition of his significant contributions to the growth and sustainability of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission, Dr. Larry Watson has been honored with the Jannie Harriot Founders Award; and

Whereas, a native of Mississippi, Dr. Watson is a devoted husband, a loving father of one son and one daughter, and doting grandfather to three precious grandchildren. 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, recognize and commend Dr. Larry Watson for his dedication to identifying and preserving the contributions of the state’s African Americans through his service as a member of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission and congratulate him for receiving the Jannie Harriot Founders Award for his unwavering commitment to the growth and sustainability of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Larry Watson.

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