**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND DR. RANDALL T. RUBLE OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF ERSKINE COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that Dr. Randall T. Ruble will begin a well‑deserved retirement from his presidency of Erskine College and Theological Seminary, where he has served during a remarkable and distinguished career since 1965; and

Whereas, born in Greenville, Virginia, on April 15, 1932, Randall Ruble distinguished himself in service to his country in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955 in the Korean War Zone and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, a Presidential Citation, and the Korean War Commendation Medal; and

Whereas, in 1958, he earned a Bachelor’s degree from Erskine College and was awarded the H. M. Young Ring, the school’s highest award to a graduating senior, and in 1961, he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Erskine Theological Seminary; and

Whereas, he earned a Master of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1962, studied at the University of Göttingen in Germany, before receiving a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Edinburgh in 1964, and completed post‑doctoral studies at Harvard University in 1971; and

Whereas, he began teaching Old Testament and Hebrew at Erskine Theological Seminary in 1965 and served as chaplain at Erskine College from 1971 to 1974; and

Whereas, beloved and esteemed by the students, faculty, and staff, he became vice president and dean of the seminary in 1976, a position he held for twenty‑one years; and

Whereas, in 2006, Dr. Ruble came out of retirement to serve as president of the institution, where he presided over the completion of the college’s music and mathematics complex, strengthened the academic program, stabilized the school’s finances, laid plans to ensure increasing student enrollment, and continued to emphasize a Christ‑centered education; and

Whereas, he married his beloved Molly Grant, and together they reared three fine children, John, Jeffrey, and Ellen, who have blessed them with six adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, active in his community in a myriad of capacities, Dr. Ruble served on the Due West Town Council, helped to organize the Due West Rescue Squad, and served as president of the United Way of Abbeville County and of the Abbeville Municipal Association; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the spiritual guidance and Christian example that Dr. Randall T. Ruble has given to Erskine College and Theological Seminary spanning almost half a century and are pleased that he will be enjoying retirement after his long and distinguished service. 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. Randall T. Ruble of Abbeville County upon the occasion of his retirement as president of Erskine College and Theological Seminary, and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Randall T. Ruble.

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