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**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE DEATH OF DR. FREDERICK EMMETT DUCEY, JR., FORMER MAYOR OF RIDGELAND, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Frederick Emmett Ducey, Jr., former mayor of Ridgeland, on November 17, 2011, at the venerable age of eighty‑six; and

Whereas, a resident of Ridgeland for more than six decades, Dr. Ducey was born a son of Frederick Emmett Ducey, Sr., D.V.M., and Murrell Elizabeth Ellington Ducey in Savannah, Georgia; and

Whereas, allowed to graduate early in 1943 from Savannah High School, the young Fred enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served as a navigator during World War II. He attended Auburn University for a year and in 1950 graduated in the first class of veterinary medicine at the University of Georgia; and

Whereas, Dr. Ducey moved to Ridgeland in June 1950, where he practiced veterinary medicine for sixty‑one years and involved himself fully in the life of his new community. While president of the Ridgeland Jaycees, he started its Pony League baseball program. Instrumental in building the first Little League baseball park, he also coached T‑Ball, baseball, football, basketball, and golf youth programs and was a founding member of the Sergeant Jasper Country Club. He served on the Ridgeland Town Council and was mayor pro‑tem for five years and mayor for eight years; and

Whereas, a man of faith, Dr. Ducey was a founding member of St. Anthony’s Catholic Church and a member of the Antonions. In 1994, he was presented the Jasper County Rotary Club Award of Excellence and in 2004 a resolution from the South Carolina House of Representatives. Among his other honors, in 2010 an award from the Jasper Animal Rescue Mission and a street were named after him. In 2011, he received the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce Sergeant Jasper Award; and

Whereas, this dedicated veterinarian was also an avid outdoorsman and loved his Georgia Bulldogs; and

Whereas, as all those who had the privilege of knowing and working with him will attest, Dr. Fred Ducey was selfless in his service, an inspiring, courageous, and gracious soul who lived to help others; and

Whereas, Dr. Ducey leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of sixty‑four years, Margaret Anderson Ducey; three sons, Frederick E. Ducey III, Thomas Monroe Ducey, and John Patrick Ducey; one daughter, Barbara Anne Weaver; nine grandchildren; eight great‑grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the death of Dr. Frederick Emmett Ducey, Jr., former mayor of Ridgeland, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Margaret Anderson Ducey for the family.

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