**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO WELCOME LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DOUGLAS X. ALEXANDER TO THE PALMETTO STATE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPARTANBURG LIONS CLUB AND TO HONOR THE SPARTANBURG LIONS CLUB FOR A CENTURY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Whereas, on May 14, 2022, Spartanburg Lions will host their 100th anniversary celebration, featuring the Honorable Douglas Alexander, president of Lions Clubs International, as their special guest. Headquartered in Oakbrook, Illinois, Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service organization, with more than 1.4 million members in more than 48,000 clubs worldwide in various countries and geographic areas; and

Whereas, the Spartanburg Lions Club, chartered with thirty‑six members on May 23, 1922, was one of five clubs launched in South Carolina that year. Over the years, club members have provided their community with invaluable medical services, particularly in the area of vision needs; and

Whereas, the Spartanburg club’s special guest for its one hundredth anniversary celebration, Douglas X. Alexander, was elected to serve as president of Lions Clubs International at the association’s 103rd International Convention in June 2021. A resident of Brooklyn, New York, President Alexander is a retired vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank; and

Whereas, a member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, vice district governor, district governor, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, and DGE group leader. He also has served as a Lions Eye Bank transporter, member of the District and Multiple District PDG Association, and trustee of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, and he was appointed as the Lions’ representative to UNICEF‑New York from 2012 to 2014. He has served on the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning and Host committees and has been a presenter at several USA/Canada forums; and

Whereas, in recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the club Lion of the Year, club President’s Award, the Robert J. Uplinger Service Award, several District Governor Appreciation Awards, and the Multiple District Membership Growth Award. He is also the recipient of many International President’s Certificates of Appreciation; seven International President’s Awards; and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is a Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow, a W.P. Woods Fellow, and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow; and

Whereas, in addition to his Lions activities, President Alexander participates actively in various professional and community organizations. He has served as chair of the advisory board for the New York Urban League and as a board member of the St. Francis DeSales School for the Deaf. He is also a recipient of the Congressional Record Award; and

Whereas, cognizant of the Lions’ fine record of service for one hundred five years, as well as the distinguished record of their international leadership, the Senate takes great pleasure in welcoming to South Carolina Douglas X. Alexander, international president of Lions Clubs International, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Spartanburg Lions Club. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That he members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, welcome Lions Clubs International President Douglas X. Alexander to the Palmetto State on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Spartanburg Lions Club and honor the Spartanburg Lions Club for a century of community service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Douglas X. Alexander, president of Lions Clubs International, and the Spartanburg Lions Club.

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