**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. RONALD E. “RONNIE” CHRESTMAN UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS STATISTICIAN AND LEAD RESEARCH ANALYST IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Dr. Ronald E. “Ronnie” Chrestman upon the occasion of his retirement from Clemson University on April 30, 2022; and

Whereas, a native of Belen, Mississippi, Dr. Chrestman graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Studies in 1980. He received his Master of Science in Animal and Food Science from Clemson University in 1985, and his Doctor of Philosophy in Agronomy from Clemson University in 1992; and

Whereas, Dr. Chrestman has worked as Statistician and Lead Research Analyst in the Department for Institutional Research at Clemson University for twenty-three years; and

Whereas, Dr. Chrestman has worked on many significant projects during his career, including helping to build and manage the enrollment model that has guided decisions for the past twenty-three years. He has worked as the Building Security Coordinator for Sykes Hall, ensuring the safety and well‑being of some of the university’s most important offices and officials, including the President, Provost, and Admissions and Financial Aid; and

Whereas, Dr. Chrestman was part of the initial MIDFIELD team that accepted the challenge of compiling an enormous longitudinal database of engineering student data at multiple institutions. He personally walked through each building on campus and updated the Facility Database that was outdated; and

Whereas, over the years, Dr. Chrestman has received a number of honors and awards, including the Provost’s Award for Excellence in 2017, the Thomas Green Clemson Award in 2018, and the SC IR Professional of the Year in 2021; and

Whereas, Dr. Chrestman currently resides in Seneca and has been active there working with Feed the 5000 every year. In his free time, he also enjoys bowling in several bowling leagues. He is also approaching his forty-gallon mark with the Blood Connection where he regularly donates platelets; and

Whereas, Dr. Chrestman is married to Peg, and together, they have one daughter and three grandsons; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the passion and dedication that Dr. Chrestman has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Dr. Ronald E. “Ronnie” Chrestman upon the occasion of his retirement as Statistician and Lead Research Analyst in the Department for Institutional Research, commend him for his thirty-five years of dedicated service to Clemson University, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Ronald E. “Ronnie” Chrestman.

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