**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE HENRY M. LAYE III UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS FOURTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BOARD, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Henry M. Laye III upon the occasion of his retirement as director of the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Spartanburg County on June 30, 2021; and

Whereas, Henry M. Laye III is an alumnus of The Citadel, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He is also a graduate of Leadership Spartanburg and Leadership South Carolina; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Laye served from 1968 to 1973. During his tenure, he was a captain and, with the Air Defense Artillery, a platoon leader and battery commander; and

Whereas, Mr. Laye began his career with the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Spartanburg County in 2007. Drawing on his business acumen to build a strong team, he has taken staff and office operations to a high level of organization and efficiency, even through several difficult elections. He has always remained fair, impartial, and responsive to any concerns or questions, inspiring a sense of confidence in the office; and

Whereas, with a background in business, Mr. Laye worked with Milliken & Company as a production department manager, senior buyer in purchasing, pursuit of excellence director for Greige Fine Goods Division, project liaison to the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport expansion, co-chair of the 1989 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Application, property development and real estate sales manager at Carolina Country Club, and performance knit sales senior account manager; and

Whereas, a civic leader and well-respected member of the Spartanburg community, Mr. Laye has served with many organizations, including the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Spartanburg Downtown Development Council, Junior Leadership Spartanburg, Spartanburg Board of Realtors, Cub Scout Webelos, and Spartanburg Farmers Market; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, he is an active member of Second Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg. He formerly served as a deacon and elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, Mr. Laye was married to his wife, the late Alston Laye, for many years. He has two children, a daughter Claire Abel and son Will Laye; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the passion and dedication that Henry M. Laye III has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. He deserves the utmost honor and respect for his lifetime of service to the community and State at large. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Henry M. Laye III upon the occasion of his retirement as director of the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Spartanburg County, commend him for his fourteen years of dedicated service to the board, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Henry M. Laye III.

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