

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HONORING GOVERNOR JAMES B. EDWARDS**

Passed by the State Executive Committee – January 24, 2015

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2014, the Republican Party lost a beloved leader in South Carolina's former Governor James B. Edwards; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards served as Charleston County Republican Party Chairman, then served in the South Carolina State Senate, then served as the first Republican Governor of South Carolina since Reconstruction, then served as U.S. Secretary of Energy under President Ronald Reagan, and then served as President of the Medical University of South Carolina for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards was born in 1927 in Hawthorne, Florida, moved to South Carolina as a boy with his family and attended the College of Charleston, the University of Louisville, where he earned his D.M.D., and the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from dental school, Governor Edwards served two years on active duty with the U.S. Navy in Chincoteague, Virginia, as a general dentist; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards remained active in the U.S. Navy Reserve until 1967, retiring as a lieutenant commander; and

WHEREAS, following graduate medical training, Governor Edwards pursued his dream to return to Charleston, establishing his practice in oral and maxillofacial surgery in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards later served with distinction and honor as Charleston County GOP Chairman, State Senator, South Carolina Governor, U.S. Secretary of Energy, and MUSC President; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards' passion and love for South Carolina was second only to his love for his family; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards' political legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched as an oral surgeon, political leader, Christian brother and friend; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards will be deeply missed and his service to his state, nation and the Republican Party will be remembered for generations to come; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee proudly honors and celebrates the life of Governor James B. Edwards, who combined effective leadership and political skill for the best interests of South Carolina and the United States, and that we lift up his wife Ann and the rest of his family with prayer and our heartfelt gratitude.