WHEREAS, Dr. Donald C. Capps and his wife, Betty, have been working to meet the needs of blind South Carolinians for the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Donald and Betty Capps spearheaded the reorganization of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina into 56 local chapters, a Blind Merchants Division, a Parents of Blind Children Division, and a Student Division; and

WHEREAS, Donald and Betty Capps worked hard to found the Federation Center of the Blind in Columbia and Rocky Bottom Camp of the Blind in Pickens County; and

WHEREAS, Donald and Betty Capps have been pioneers in securing legislative equality for the blind, advocating for the Model White Cane Law, voting rights and jury duty, homestead exemption, educational laws affecting blind children, and many more.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 18, 2003, as

DONALD AND BETTY CAPPS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize Donald and Betty Capps for dedicated service on behalf of the blind.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA