**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE CINDY HRAY OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE YOUTH OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HER FULFILLMENT AND EVERY HAPPINESS IN HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great State’s most important legacy, its children; and

Whereas, Cindy Hray, retiring as an exceptionally dedicated and talented teacher in Spartanburg School District Seven, certainly stands among their number as an outstanding educator, one much admired in her roles as teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend; and

Whereas, a North Augusta native, Cindy is the daughter of Katie Hammond Smith and the late Eugene David Smith and is the eldest of three daughters; and

Whereas, after graduating from North Augusta High School, she earned a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education from the University of South Carolina Aiken; and

Whereas, Cindy has served as a gifted and inspiring educator at several schools in Spartanburg School District Seven, including Cleveland Elementary, Park Hills Elementary, Z.L. Madden Elementary, Jesse Boyd Elementary, and Mary H. Wright Elementary; and

Whereas, her classroom is a safe, inclusive place where her students feel encouraged and supported to reach their true potential; and

Whereas, active in the Spartanburg community, Cindy devotes her time and talents to many worthwhile causes. She served as a member of the Spartanburg Junior League and serves on the mission committee and altar guild at St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church. She is a past co‑president of the Spartanburg High School Booster Club and recently sponsored a local female student in a Girls on the Run 5K; and

Whereas, a devoted wife and mother, Cindy married the love of her life, Lex Hray, on December 27, 1980. Together, they enjoy a happy marriage and adore their two children, Trevor and Peyton; and

Whereas, committing her time and talents to the families of the schools in which she taught, Cindy became an indispensible part of the individual school communities and will be greatly missed; and

Whereas, is indeed the honor of the members of the House of Representatives to laud her for her many contributions and accomplishments in a career well spent. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, congratulate Cindy Hray of Spartanburg County on the occasion of her retirement, commend her for her years of dedicated service to the youth of South Carolina as an educator, and wish her fulfillment and every happiness in her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Cindy Hray.

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