**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. CHERYL CAUTION‑PARKER UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, Dr. Cheryl Caution‑Parker for nine years has held the office of Richland School District Two deputy superintendent with dignity and distinction; and

Whereas, her honesty, intelligence, friendliness, and commitment to excellence in education have drawn admiration from those with whom she has worked, as well as from the citizens of Richland County at large; and

Whereas, in preparation for a thirty‑four‑year career in education, in 1979 Dr. Caution‑Parker earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education at the University of South Carolina, followed by a master’s degree in elementary education from the same institution and a doctorate in education leadership from NOVA Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and

Whereas, she began her career in education as a classroom teacher at Richland School District Two’s E.L. Wright Middle School, working her way up to school administrator at Dent Middle, principal at Forest Lake Elementary and Dent Middle, chief administrative officer at the Richland Two district office, and, finally, deputy superintendent, her present post; and

Whereas, in recognition of her outstanding work, Dr. Caution‑Parker has received various recognitions, among them the 2011 William B. Harley Lifetime Achievement Award for leadership and service; and

Whereas, her many professional activities include developing and implementing the Teacher Leadership Academy, which identifies future school administrators. In addition, she wrote and received a $49,000 two‑year grant for leadership development through the Wallace Readers Foundation; and

Whereas, Dr. Caution‑Parker believes strongly in personal involvement with her community, and her convictions have led her to work with several organizations, including Chums, Inc., Forest Acres Rotary (past secretary), Poinsettia Cotillion (treasurer), Ridgewood Ladies Golf Club, South Carolina Women in Philanthropy, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, the Nurturing Center (past board member), and My Museum (past board member); and

Whereas, Dr. Caution‑Parker, taking her responsibilities with the seriousness they deserve, has labored diligently as deputy superintendent of Richland School District Two for the educational welfare of the young people committed to her care, and the South Carolina General Assembly wishes her well as she begins her well‑deserved retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Dr. Cheryl Caution‑Parker upon the occasion of her retirement as deputy superintendent of Richland School District Two, commend her for her many years of outstanding and dedicated service as an educator, and wish her much success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Cheryl Caution‑Parker.

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