**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RUTH JORDAN OF CHARLESTON COUNTY FOR HER OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors individuals who freely give of their time and resources for the good of others; and

Whereas, Ruth Jordan of Charleston County has contributed valuable community and public service to the citizens of Charleston and the Palmetto State and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, for four years, she served on the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees and was its 2009‑2010 chair. In addition, she has been affiliated with the South Carolina School Boards Association. During her tenure, she helped improve the education system in Charleston County through policies aimed at increasing the graduation rate, Early Head Start programs, and teacher quality, as well as through the passage of a six hundred million dollar bond referendum to build new schools; and

Whereas, other past or present commitments include service on the Ministerial Alliance, Habitat for Humanity, Chamber of Commerce, Trident Regional Education Board, and YWCA Advisory Board. She has also served as Sunday School superintendent and youth director at the Open Door Church of Christ; and

Whereas, further, in a previous position as South Carolina and regional voter empowerment director of the national NAACP, Ruth implemented programs to register more than fifty thousand voters and to increase minority participation in the electoral process and voter turnout; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, Ruth earned a bachelor’s degree in developmental psychology and English at Charleston Southern University. She is currently a senior consultant with Williams & Associates Consulting Services, LLC and a licensed realtor with Carolina One Real Estate Company. For seventeen years, Ruth also served as a federal procurement officer at the Naval Weapon Station in Goose Creek; and

Whereas, she finds strength for all her endeavors in the strong support of her family, and she and her husband, Everett, are the proud parents of three charming daughters; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Ruth Jordan who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Ruth Jordan of Charleston County for her outstanding community and public service to the people of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Ruth Jordan.

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