**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR MRS. HELEN “LEN” MARINI OF COLUMBIA FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH FOR THE HOUSE EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the House of Representatives has learned that in October 2012 Mrs. Helen “Len” Marini retired from her position as director of research for the House Education and Public Works Committee and embraced new challenges and opportunities; and

Whereas, during her long tenure with the Legislature, Len worked as director of the Joint Legislative Committee on Cultural Affairs, where she was hailed by former Representative Harriett Keyserling for having “many other qualities”; director of research for the House of Representatives; and, most recently, director of research for the House Education and Public Works Committee. In addition, she previously served as personal secretary to the former Governor of South Carolina, Richard W. Riley; and

Whereas, Len gained valuable private‑sector experience as the assistant vice president for business and government for the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, in recognition of her service and achievements, Len has received many accolades, including the Order of the Palmetto and South Carolina Art Educators Association President’s Award, and she was named Best Actress in Columbia by the *Free Times*; and

Whereas, because she believes in active community involvement, Len long has served her community in various ways. She has been a member of the Richland County Library Board, Arts in Basic Curriculum Steering Committee, Trustus Theater Board, Workshop Theatre Board, South Carolina Humanities Council Board, and the South Carolina Shakespeare Company Board; and

Whereas, Len thoroughly enjoys spending time with her husband, Delfo, a man whose patience and devotion know no limits, and she adores the other man in her life, her canine son, Mickey. In fact, she is a staunch friend of animals of all kinds and has rescued many cats and dogs and given them a loving home; and

Whereas, a talented actress, Len has been featured in a minor motion picture, in commercials as the state’s poster child for bad driving, and in numerous Columbia theatrical productions in which she was lauded for her snake handling and singing abilities, most recently as “Aynor” in the revival of *The Twitty Triplets*; and

Whereas, she should be proud of her induction into the Society of “Jerudian Litmus,” as well as her successful completion of anger and aggression management therapy, which will prove useful for approaching parking garage mirrors; and

Whereas, Len’s former colleagues delighted in, and now deeply miss, her humor, warm spirit, and strong work ethic; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Len Marini has bestowed on this great State, the House of Representatives takes much pleasure in wishing her well in her retirement and trusts she will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Mrs. Helen “Len” Marini of Columbia for her many years of dedicated service to the people of South Carolina, congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement as director of research for the House Education and Public Works Committee, and wish her much success and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mrs. Len Marini.

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