**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND MARY C. HARRIS FOR HER SEVENTEEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE AS SECRETARY OF THE COLLETON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OFFICE AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for seventeen years, Mary C. Harris has carried out her duties as secretary of the Colleton County Legislative Delegation Office with poise and excellence; and

Whereas, her intelligence, friendliness, and organized efficiency have drawn admiration from all with whom she has worked; and

Whereas, a native of Colleton County’s Jonesville community, Mary C. Harris was born with her twin sister, Martha, on May 14, 1938, to David and Pearlie Hamilton Chisholm. The young Mary attended the public schools of Colleton County and graduated in 1956 from Colleton High School in Walterboro; and

Whereas, Mary worked at various jobs over the years that took her from New York, Michigan, and Georgia back to her home State of South Carolina and brought her a multitude of skills and posts ranging from key punch operator and licensed cosmetologist to restaurant employee; and

Whereas, in time, she entered an administrative training program with the Lowcountry Council of Governments, which she completed in 1996. That same year, she took up her duties with the Colleton County Legislative Delegation Office; and

Whereas, away from the office, Mary is a member of Yemassee’s Mount Nebo Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. She is also the proud parent of a son, Dr. Brian C. Shaw, and the delighted grandmother of Ameenah Bey Shaw; and

Whereas, understanding that Mary C. Harris plans to retire at the end of June 2013 from the post she has filled so ably for almost two decades, the House of Representatives wishes to express its gratitude for her exemplary service to the people of South Carolina, most particularly those of Colleton County. The members hope she will find much joy in the increased leisure time she will soon be able to devote to family, friends, and other interests during a well‑earned retirement. She will be greatly missed. 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 commend Mary C. Harris for her seventeen years of outstanding and dedicated service as secretary of the Colleton County Legislative Delegation Office 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 Mary C. Harris.

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