**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LORENE WEST ARLEDGE, HOUSE LEGISLATIVE AIDE, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO THANK HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for thirty‑eight years, Columbia’s Lorene West Arledge has carried out her duties as a South Carolina House of Representatives staff member with poise and excellence, the past thirteen of those years as a House legislative aide; and

Whereas, Lorene, daughter of the late Ernest and Annie West, began her career as a legal secretary/paralegal for Donald H. Holland, attorney‑at‑law in Camden, from 1965 to 1969. Next, she served as a legal secretary/paralegal with Nexsen, Pruet, Jacobs, and Pollard in Columbia from 1969 to 1972; and

Whereas, she first took up her duties with the South Carolina House of Representatives as recording clerk on the House desk from 1976‑1985, followed by service as director of the Research, Medical, Military, Public & Municipal Affairs Committee from 1985‑1987. From 1987 to 1991, Lorene worked at the State Budget and Control Board in the Division of Research and Statistics. In 2001, she became a legislative aide, and as such she has worked for Representatives Annette Young, James Law, Converse Chellis, Thomas Dantzler, Shirley Hinson, James Merrill, George Bailey, Jenny Horne, Chris Murphy, Bill Herbkersman, and Andy Patrick; and

Whereas, at home, she is the proud wife of Mr. Shirley Hinson and the equally proud mother of Kevin, Bruce, and David, as well as delighted grandmother to six grandchildren and one great‑grandchild; and

Whereas, during Lorene’s well‑earned retirement, the House trusts she will find herself more frequently able to indulge her love of traveling. (She is currently writing a series of short stories about her experiences on the road with her sister.) For many years, Lorene traveled around the State selling items in various flea markets. In addition, she has sold Shaklee Products for years and dabbled in real estate investments. She nurtures her musical leanings by playing the piano; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Lorene West Arledge has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in wishing her well as she enters 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, recognize and honor Lorene West Arledge, House legislative aide, on the occasion of her retirement, thank her for her many years of outstanding and dedicated service to the State of South Carolina, 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 Lorene West Arledge.

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