**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JIL LITTLEJOHN OF GREENVILLE COUNTY ON HER HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT OF BEING THE FIRST FEMALE AND FIRST AFRICAN‑AMERICAN APPOINTED PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE URBAN LEAGUE OF THE UPSTATE, AND FOR HER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GREENVILLE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn of the historic appointment of Jil Littlejohn as the first female and the first African‑American president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of the Upstate; and

Whereas, born and reared in Atlanta, Georgia, Jil Littlejohn earned a bachelor’s degree in intercultural studies for business from Wofford College in 2001. Fluent in Spanish and having studied Japanese, she pursued her love of foreign languages and international culture at the Universidad de Sevilla in Seville, Spain, while a student at Wofford. She pursued post‑graduate studies, earning a master of business administration degree from Webster University in 2005; and

Whereas, highly experienced in nonprofit management, she served in the private sector as the executive director and CEO for the YWCA of Greenville for almost four years, and in the public sector has helped manage the City of Greenville as a member of its city council since being elected to that body in January of 2009, where she is the youngest member and one of only two minority members currently serving; and

Whereas, dedicated to developing her natural leadership skills, Ms. Littlejohn has participated in Leadership South Carolina; Diversity Leadership Academy; Leadership Greenville; Connections: Women’s Leadership Program; and the Women’s Campaign School at Yale University; and

Whereas, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., she participates actively in numerous nonprofit organizations; and

Whereas, Jil Littlejohn founded the Talented Tenth Greenville Leadership Conference, a term that designated a leadership class of African Americans in the early part of the twentieth century. The conference is designed to bring talented people of color throughout the Greenville area together with established business and civic leaders from across the Southeast; and

Whereas, her numerous distinctions include being recognized as Greenville 1st Bank Best & Brightest Under 35 in 2005, Greenville *LINK* magazine’s Top 40 Under 40 for 2006, a finalist for the 2008 Greenville Chamber of Commerce Young Professional of the Year, *Ebony* magazine Top Young Leader Under 30 and *Greenville* magazine Top 50 Influential People for 2009, and a 2011 Women Making History Honoree; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the profound impact of Jil Littlejohn on the greater Greenville community, and look forward to hearing of her continued accomplishments in the future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Jil Littlejohn of Greenville County on her historic achievement of being the first female and first African‑American appointed president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of the Upstate, and for her significant contributions to the Greenville community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Jil Littlejohn.

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