**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MRS. JOYCE REID OF COLUMBIA FOR HER THIRTY‑FIVE YEARS OF EXTRAORDINARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE, MOST RECENTLY AS JOURNAL CLERK, TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, after thirty‑five years of outstanding service to the people of the Palmetto State, Mrs. Joyce Reid of Columbia will retire on December 16, 2013, from her present post as South Carolina Senate Journal Clerk; and

Whereas, beginning her state service in October 1978 armed with a bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas, her ever‑present smile, and outrageously fast typing skills, Joyce joined the staff of the South Carolina Senate as legislative secretary to Senator Heyward McDonald; and

Whereas, during her years working with the Senate, she also served in the offices of Senators Alex Sanders and I. DeQuincey Newman, Senate Clerks Jim Fields and Frank Caggiano, and Assistant Clerks Mike Ey, Bob Toomey, and Hogan Brown; and

Whereas, for the past twenty‑five years, thirteen of which working with current Senate Clerk Jeffrey Gossett and Assistant Clerk Michael Hitchcock, Joyce has been a stabilizing force on the Senate Desk, overseeing the creation of the Senate Journal and maintaining order with the occasional flash of her favorite long‑blade scissors; and

Whereas, Joyce gained valuable private‑sector experience with the law firm of Heyward McDonaldbefore transitioning with him upon his election to the Senate. This move may have been the beginning of her trademark meticulousness. She will confess to being a stickler over even the tiniest of details, an admission well supported by the many notes she creates in order to finalize every well‑organized task; and

Whereas, because of her strong community spirit, Joyce dedicates countless hours every year to the South Carolina State Fair and is an active member of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church, where she participates in numerous ministries such as singing in the choir and playing handbells. She is also quite an accomplished painter, having created and displayed many beautiful works of art; and

Whereas, Joyce and her husband, Flay Reid, are the proud parents of three girls, Shanna, Beth, and Susan,who have given their parents the joy of five delightful grandchildren, Anna, Jordan, Garrett, Kassidy, and Brooke; and

Whereas, the Senate, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Joyce Reid has bestowed on this great body, extends warmest thanks for her more than three decades of service. The members take much pleasure in wishing her well in her retirement and trust she will find much enjoyment in her art, her grandchildren, and along the links of her favorite golf course. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and commend Mrs. Joyce Reid of Columbia for her thirty‑five years of extraordinary and devoted service to the South Carolina Senate, most recently as Journal Clerk, congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement, and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Joyce Reid.

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