**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE MIA S. MCLEOD FOR HER COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 79 IN RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO WISH HER FULFILLMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Whereas, for six years, the Honorable Mia S. McLeod has represented the citizens of House District 79 in Richland County with faithfulness in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, the president of McLeod Butler Communications, LLC, Mia S. McLeod earned her bachelor’s degree at the University of South Carolina in 1990, followed by a juris doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1995; and

Whereas, other career endeavors include service as director of the Violence Against Women Project with the Office of the South Carolina Attorney General (1997‑1999), adjunct instructor with the University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business (1998‑1999), director of the State Office of Victim Assistance (1990‑2001), and director of governmental affairs with the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (2001‑2002); and

Whereas, during her years in the House of Representatives, Mia McLeod has used her experience for the benefit of her constituents and other citizens of our state as a member of the Legislative Oversight Committee, the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children, and the Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee; and

Whereas, Representative McLeod firmly believes in active participation in the community, and her convictions have led her to serve her community and beyond in various ways. These include membership on the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (2007‑2010), Rice Creek School Improvement Council (Richland School District Two, 2003‑2007) chair, 2003‑2004, Richland School District Two Bond Referendum Campaign of 2008 co‑chair, Ridge View High School Improvement Council (Richland School District Two, 2009‑present); and

Whereas, in addition, she is a Liberty Fellow, South Carolina Diversity Leader, New Deal Leader, Early Learning Fellow, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and First Northeast Baptist Church; and

Whereas, on the occasion of her departure from the House of Representatives, her House colleagues, grateful for Mia S. McLeod’s committed service to this body and the people of District 79, extend warmest best wishes for much contentment and satisfaction in the new challenges she looks forward to in a new phase of her life. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Mia S. McLeod for her committed service to the South Carolina House of Representatives and the citizens of District 79 in Richland County and wish her fulfillment and success in all her future endeavors upon her retirement from the House of Representatives.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Mia S. McLeod.

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