**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCILS OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR FORTY YEARS OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AT WORK IN PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Whereas, School Improvement Councils were mandated by the South Carolina General Assembly through the Education Finance Act of 1977 to provide parents, community members, and students a direct voice in the climate and progress of their local public schools; and

Whereas**,** nearly thirteen thousand parents, community members, educators, and students currently serve on School Improvement Councils in our state’s more than eleven hundred public schools; and

Whereas**,** these School Improvement Council members are committed to the preparation of all South Carolina school children with the world‑class skills necessary for successful futures; and

Whereas**,** School Improvement Councils have a vital role in supporting effective public schools and in upholding their accountability to the citizens of all ages and locales to whom they serve; and

Whereas**,** the South Carolina School Improvement Council at the University of South Carolina College of Education is dedicated to active promotion and support for the ongoing work and impact of our state’s local School Improvement Councils and their members; and

Whereas**,** the General Assembly commends and values the inspiration, passion, and vision of parents, community leaders, educators, and students who devote hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours to their School Improvement Councils annually in service to South Carolina’s public schools by working toward these goals. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize the School Improvement Councils of South Carolina for forty years of civic engagement at work for public education.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the South Carolina School Improvement Council Board of Trustees.

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