**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF KEITH A. FRAZIER OF GREENVILLE AND TO HONOR HIM ON BEING RECOGNIZED BY THE FRIENDS OF PICKENS COUNTY GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR HIS TIRELESS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROTECTION OF ABUSED CHILDREN THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER.

Whereas, every year, the Friends of Pickens County Guardian ad Litem honors an individual who has worked tirelessly in the field of child abuse prevention. In April 2017, the Friends will culminate their annual observance of Child Abuse Prevention Kick‑off Week with a luncheon, during which this year’s honoree, the late Keith A. Frazier, will be recognized; and

Whereas, Keith Frazier, SCDSS director of Region I, served for twenty‑five years in South Carolina state government. A 1998 graduate of Winthrop College, he commenced his career at Probation and Parole in York and Greenville counties. In 1996, he began as a workforce consultant for Greenville County DSS, serving there for two years; and

Whereas, in 1998, Keith assumed the role of the Greenville County DSS business manager and managed a multitude of projects for both Greenville County and the State. In 2007, he was appointed interim county director for Pickens County, next serving as county director for five years. He returned to Greenville County DSS in 2011 as county director and served in that capacity until 2016, when he became regional director for Region I. This move gave him responsibility for Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, and Cherokee counties, as well as the regional Intake Hub and regional Foster Home and Licensing Support Unit; and

Whereas, during his short time as regional director, Keith made several long‑lasting contributions to DSS. He strongly believed in “loving on staff” and telling them how important their work was to the families and children they serve and the agency. One of his first projects was to establish a regional trauma and support program, which gave each Region I county office a chaplain for support during times of crisis. This program has been a great success. Keith also launched supervisor summits, during which supervisors and other leadership in Region I enjoyed training and networking. His desire to see leaders grow also encouraged Keith to start regional training for new supervisors to support them and help them develop relationships with fellow supervisors across the region; and

Whereas, he loved seeing positive outcomes for children and families and was always striving to do better. Keith oversaw a number of projects he believed would help keep children safe and help children and families achieve permanency, such as case mining for children in foster care. His passion has left a lasting impact in his community, an impact increased by the numerous boards and councils on which he served, among them the First Steps Board (vice chair), Children Come First Development Council, Work Force Investment Board of Greenville County, Safe Kids Upstate, and Greenville Child Abuse Task Force; and

Whereas, Keith Frazier, who unfortunately died on January 16, 2017, drew strength for his labors from the strong support of his family: his beloved wife of twenty‑three years, Charlotte Munnerlyn Frazier, and his lovely daughter, Victoria Blake Frazier. His loss is felt keenly by his family, colleagues, and friends; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence he bestowed on this great State, the House counts it a privilege to salute Keith Frazier on being recognized for his outstanding service in child abuse prevention. Well done, good and faithful servant; you will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the life of Keith A. Frazier of Greenville and honor him on being recognized by the Friends of Pickens County Guardian ad Litem for his tireless contributions to the protection of abused children throughout his career.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Charlotte Munnerlyn Frazier for the family.

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