**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE DR. JUDITH A. FRANCHINI OF LEXINGTON COUNTY FOR HER COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG MINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HER SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives find it altogether fitting and proper to pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude for the over forty years of service Dr. Judith A. Franchini has dedicated to the futures of children in the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, Dr. Judith Franchini currently serves as the principal of H. E. Corley Elementary School. She has devoted the last eleven years to ensuring a positive educational experience for the children of the school; and

Whereas, Judith earned her bachelor of arts in psychology from Northwestern University in 1975. She continued her education at the University of Missouri, where she attained her master of education in special education in 1976. She then spent five years taking courses at The Citadel to prepare herself for the role of school administration. In 1991, she graduated with her doctor of education in education leadership from Peabody College at Vanderbilt University; and

Whereas, having begun her career in special education, Judith first served as a teacher for learning disabled students at Southwest School in Boonville, Missouri. She remained in this role for a year and then transitioned to working with students with behavioral disorders at Brennan Woods and High Ridge Elementary schools in House Springs, Missouri. She served in this capacity until 1981; and

Whereas, Judith soon after moved to Charleston and began her path in school administration. While she was taking classes at The Citadel, she worked as a special education consultant for Charleston County School District, during which time she coordinated twenty special education programs in four schools; and

Whereas, in 1983, she began work as an administrative intern at Pepperhill Elementary and Springfield Elementary schools in Charleston County. In 1984, she became the assistant principal for Pepperhill Elementary. Her tenure in this role lasted until 1987, when she became the principal of the same school. She remained there until 1991 when opportunity brought her to accept the position of principal at Knightsville Elementary School in Dorchester School District Two; and

Whereas, after ten years, Judith chose to serve the students of Allendale Elementary School as Principal Specialist and was soon promoted to Principal Leader. In 2006, she was offered an opportunity to head the faculty of H. E. Corley Elementary School, which she promptly accepted and where she has remained until her retirement after eleven years; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives wish Dr. Franchini the best of luck in her well‑earned retirement after forty‑one exceptional years as an educator and thirty years as an administrator. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and recognize Dr. Judith A. Franchini for her committed service to the education of young minds in South Carolina and wish her success in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Judith A. Franchini.

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