**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BRENDA L. WILLIAMS, VICE PRESIDENT OF STRATEGY AND COMPLIANCE AT THE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OF ORANGEBURG AND CALHOUN COUNTIES, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate has learned that Brenda L. Williams, vice president of strategy and compliance at the Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun counties, will retire on August 1, 2017, from a distinguished career in hospital administration at that institution spanning thirty‑seven years; and

Whereas, this Orangeburg native earned her bachelor’s degree in biology and chemistry at South Carolina State University in 1974. Two years later, she received a master’s degree in hospital administration from the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. She is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a graduate of the Diversity Leadership Institute; and

Whereas, since she joined its staff in 1979, Brenda Williams has served in various positions at RMC. She is currently responsible for engineering, marketing, grant writing, switchboard, volunteers, telecommunications, laboratory, Joint Commission review, planning, risk management, insurance, environment of care, environmental services, cardiology, and cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, as well as the Healthy Living Center, Vein Clinic, Vascular Center, Breast Health Center, Dialysis Access Institute, and Mabry Center for Cancer Care; and

Whereas, previously, she served as an administrative resident at Washington Hospital in Washington, Pennsylvania, and as assistant director of the Palmetto Lowcountry Health Systems Agency in Summerville, where she was responsible for project review; and

Whereas, believing strongly in personal involvement with her community, Brenda serves that community in several capacities. These include service as a member of the Orangeburg‑Calhoun‑Allendale‑Bamberg Community Action Agency Board (chair), Orangeburg and Calhoun Free Medical Clinic Board of Directors, and Regional Economic and Educational Community Development Corporation (vice president). Further, she is a founding member of the Orangeburg Family YMCA and a commissioner at Denmark Technical College. Formerly, she served as president of the local United Way, as vice president for community betterment of the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce, and as a school board trustee and member of the Orangeburg School District 5 Foundation Board; and

Whereas, in recognition of her dedicated service, Brenda has received the Orangeburg Morning Rotary Club’s 2016 Rotarian of the Year award and the Palmetto Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association’s 2015 Spencer D. Disher award; and

Whereas, in addition, she is a member of the Morning Rotary Club of Orangeburg, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Orangeburg’s Holy Trinity Catholic Church, where she serves as a lector; and

Whereas, the Senate, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Brenda Williams has bestowed on this great State, takes great pleasure in wishing her well as she enters retirement and trusts she will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Brenda L. Williams, vice president of strategy and compliance at the Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun counties, upon the occasion of her retirement, commend her for her many years of dedicated service, 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 Brenda L. Williams.

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