**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE LILLIAN D. GRANT, SECRETARY OF TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH IN FLORENCE, FOR HER FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CHURCH, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED FULFILLMENT AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Lillian D. Grant, secretary of Trinity Baptist Church in Florence, is celebrating a half century of dedicated service to the church; and

Whereas, young Lillian prepared herself for her future occupation by taking business courses and excelling academically at Wilson High School, from which she graduated in 1959. About this same time, Trinity Baptist Church concluded that the addition of a secretary to the church staff was necessary and that faithful attender Lillian Grant would be just the right person for the job; and

Whereas, she accepted the post, and fifty years later her services are just as vital as they have always been; and

Whereas, with great grace, skill, and commitment, Lillian Grant has worn many hats during her tenure at Trinity, among them those of office manager, secretary, bookkeeper, manager of Trinity Baptist Church Federal Credit Union, and supervisor of Trinity Baptist Church Preschool; and

Whereas, believing firmly in participation in the life of the community beyond her office walls, she has served as secretary of the Florence branch of the NAACP and had the privilege of attending the famous March on Washington during which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his memorable “I Have a Dream” speech; and

Whereas, to honor Ms. Grant, Trinity Baptist Church recently hosted a special ceremony recognizing her half century of service to the church. The congregation to which she has dedicated her life affirmed with one voice her exemplification of Proverbs 31: 29‑31, which reads in part, “Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised”; and

Whereas, the Senate takes great pleasure in adding its voice of commendation to the many encomiums honoring this faithful servant of God, Lillian D. Grant. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize Lillian D. Grant, secretary of Trinity Baptist Church in Florence, for her fifty years of dedicated service to the church, and wish her continued fulfillment and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Lillian D. Grant.

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