**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO JOIN THE AIKEN COMMUNITY IN HONORING MRS. IDELLA BODIE FOR HER SERVICE TO THE YOUNG READERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Idella Bodie was born in Ridge Spring, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bodie holds a degree in English from Columbia College; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bodie retired as a high school English and Creative Writing teacher from South Aiken High School in 1985 after teaching thirty-one years; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bodie has been writing for young readers for nearly forty years, and her first book, *The Secret of Telfair Inn*, published in 1971 by Sandlapper Publishing, is still in print; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bodie is the author of twenty-six books for upper elementary and middle school students; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bodie’s books involve South Carolina history and geography and have been incorporated into school curricula across South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bodie completed a series about heroes and heroines of the Revolutionary War after eight and a half years of researching and writing; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bodie is a contributor to *Highlights, Cricket, Mature Living*, and *Guideposts* magazines; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bodie is listed in Gale’s “*Something About the Author*” found in volumes 12 and 89; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bodie writes about more than historical places in South Carolina and is quoted as saying “I always try to focus on the people when I write about history. Character is the most important thing”; and

Whereas, awards and honors she has received include: three of her books have been South Carolina Book Award nominees; a 1980 winner of the Guideposts National Writing Competition; The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution honored her for the *Heroes and Heroines of the American Revolution* series; South Aiken High School has a writing award in her honor; her Alma Mater, Columbia College, presented her the Wil Lou Gray Outstanding Educator Award in 1988, and Toastmasters, the International Communication Award; South Carolina Library gave her a lifetime membership for the preservation of South Carolina’s literary heritage; and she was honored as “Pickens‑Salley Southern Woman of Distinction” by U.S.C. Aiken; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bodie is a continuing credit and inspiration to the Aiken community and to all of the children and adults she has inspired. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, join the Aiken community in honoring Mrs. Idella Bodie for her service to the young readers of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Idella Bodie.

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