**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND BETTY HENDERSON FOR HER SINGULAR SERVICE TO ORANGEBURG COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR HER MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE FURTHERANCE OF RACIAL EQUALITY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that the members of the South Carolina General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to honor Betty Henderson, a daughter of the Palmetto State who has served South Carolina with such devotion; and

Whereas, born in Branchville, Betty Henderson served the citizens of Orangeburg County for twenty‑eight years as the first African‑American tax assessor in the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, she retired in 1993 and was the only African American to be inducted into the South Carolina Associates of Assessing Officials; and

Whereas, currently serving as the chairperson of the Orangeburg County Democratic Party, she directed the efforts of the county party and coordinated the general election in support of America’s first African‑American President, Barack Obama; and

Whereas, she served for twelve years on the Town Council in Branchville, the first African American elected to serve on that body since Reconstruction, and she served for ten years as Mayor Pro Tempore of Branchville; and

Whereas, recognized for her outstanding service to her community, Betty Henderson was one of the founders of the Orangeburg County Family Health Center, and she has served as a board member of the Orangeburg‑Calhoun‑Allendale‑Bamberg Community Action Agency, the Orangeburg County Adult Literacy Board, the Regional Medical Center, and the Orangeburg County Department of Social Services; and

Whereas, she reared three fine children, Sheila, Ernest, and Kathy, who have blessed her with four wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the selfless and dedicated service of Betty Henderson and for the impact she has made to improve the lives of citizens in this great State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and commend Betty Henderson for her singular service to Orangeburg County, and congratulate her for her many accomplishments in the furtherance of racial equality in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Betty Henderson.

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