**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ESTHER SILVER‑PARKER FOR HER ADVOCACY OF DIVERSITY, AND TO WELCOME HER TO THE PALMETTO STATE TO ADDRESS THE FIRST LADIES OF GOD CONFERENCE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Esther Silver‑Parker will address the First Ladies of God Conference to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville on June 4, 2009; and

Whereas, this year the Church and Community Women of Excellence of the Upstate, an inter‑denominational organization, will sponsor the First Ladies of God Conference to honor the first ladies of the community churches of Greenville; and

Whereas, Esther Silver‑Parker’s theme for the conference is “CEO Moms,” in which she will address issues such as education, economics, and maintaining health for women of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, Esther Silver‑Parker in her position as senior vice president for corporate affairs has spearheaded Wal‑Mart’s efforts to improve image and reputation in the communities it serves; and

Whereas, as senior vice president of diversity relations, she was responsible for the company’s efforts as it relates to supplier development, philanthropic community relations, programs, and associate‑retention initiatives; and

Whereas, earlier in 2009, she was honored at a special awards ceremony of the 9th Annual Multicultural Business Conference to recognize her inclusion into the Hall of Fame for America’s Top Diversity Advocates; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to welcome Esther Silver‑Parker to the Palmetto State to address the First Ladies of God Conference, and expresses appreciation for her contributions to diversity advocacy in our great nation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Esther Silver‑Parker for her advocacy of diversity, and welcome her to the Palmetto State to address the First Ladies of God Conference.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Esther Silver‑Parker.

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