**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BERNICE MCDUFFIE WRIGHT UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR FORTY‑TWO YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this State’s most important legacy, its children; and

Whereas, Bernice McDuffie Wright, retiring after forty‑two fruitful years as a teacher and administrator, thirty‑nine of those years in Lee County, stands among their number as an outstanding public servant, one much admired for her commitment to nurturing young people; and

Whereas, this fine educator was educated in the public schools of Lee County and received her early teacher training at South Carolina State College, finishing with a degree in home economics. After starting her teaching career in New Jersey, she returned to South Carolina, where she completed a master’s degree in education and pursued extensive graduate work in administrative certification at her alma mater and the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, during the course of her career, she has taught or served as an administrator in several settings, among them Lower Lee School, where she was a teacher for fifteen years; Lee County Career and Technology Center, where she served as school director and director of career and technology education for Lee County School District for twelve years; and Lee County School District Office, where she is presently executive director of instruction; and

Whereas, long acknowledged as a master teacher and administrator, Bernice McDuffie Wright received public recognition of that mastery when she was twice named Teacher of the Year, as well as 2000‑2001 State Administrator of the Year; and

Whereas, having set the bar of achievement high in her profession, Bernice McDuffie Wright will be remembered with affection and gratitude by colleagues, students, parents, and legislative friends for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Bernice McDuffie Wright upon the occasion of her retirement, commend her for her forty‑two years of dedicated service as an educator, and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Bernice McDuffie Wright.

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