**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND AND RECOGNIZE LENI PATTERSON FOR HER SERVICE TO THE EDUCATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S CHILDREN AND TO HONOR HER, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE LAURENS 55 SCHOOL BOARD.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to learn of the many years that Leni Patterson has devoted to afford quality education to the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in March of 1995, Ms. Patterson was first elected to the Laurens 55 School Board, and in April of that year, she began serving as the legislative contact from that district where she continued until September 28, 2009; and

Whereas, from April 1995 to 1999, she served as the Board’s secretary, and from April 1999 to 2004, she served as the chairman of the Board while also serving as the chairman of the subcommittee on Employment and Hiring; and

Whereas, Leni Patterson has also been involved with the South Carolina School Board Association since 1995, serving as the secretary for its board of directors in 1999, the treasurer in 2000, the vice president in 2001, president‑elect in 2002, and president in 2003 and 2004; and

Whereas, among her many duties, she has testified before various committee hearings for the General Assembly and served on numerous committees and task forces for the South Carolina School Board Association; and

Whereas, she has attended many conventions and served on a number of committees with the National School Board Association; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of commitment and dedication that Leni Patterson has given to the service of school boards in her community and in our great State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend and recognize Leni Patterson for her service to the education of South Carolina’s children and to honor her, upon the occasion of her retirement from the Laurens 55 School Board.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Ms. Leni Patterson.

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