**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR HER WORSHIP MAYOR HAZEL MCCALLION, C.M., OF MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, CANADA, FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE, AND TO EXTEND TO HER A CORDIAL WELCOME TO THE PALMETTO STATE UPON THE OCCASION OF HER ADDRESS TO THE JEAN LANEY HARRIS MEMORIAL LUNCHEON ON MARCH 24, 2010, IN COLUMBIA.

Whereas, Her Worship Mayor Hazel McCallion, C.M., is the mayor of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, the sixth largest city in the country. Mayor McCallion has been Mississauga’s chief administrative officer for thirty‑two years, holding office since 1978. She is affectionately called “Hurricane Hazel” by supporters, as well as the media at large, for her vibrant, outspoken style of no‑nonsense politics; and

Whereas, one of Canada’s best known and longest serving mayors, she was easily reelected in November 2006 at the age of 85 for her eleventh consecutive term, having won a ninety-two percent majority of the votes; and

Whereas, handily reelected for the last twenty years, with no serious challengers even coming close to unseating her as mayor of the city, Mayor McCallion does not campaign during elections and refuses to accept political donations, instead asking her supporters to donate the money to charity; and

Whereas, Mayor McCallion, a Member of the Order of Canada (C.M.) and a Member of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, began her political career in Streetsville, a village that has since merged into the City of Mississauga. Beginning as chairman of the Streetsville Planning Board in 1967, she later became deputy reeve of Streetsville and was appointed reeve soon after. She was elected Streetsville’s mayor in 1970, serving until 1973; and

Whereas, the City of Mississauga came into being in 1974, and by the time she was elected its mayor, she had sat on virtually every committee in the Peel Region and Mississauga. During her career, she also has served on the executive boards of many federal and provincial committees and associations; and

Whereas, since she first took office, Mayor McCallion has overseen the growth of Mississauga from a small collection of towns and villages to one of Canada’s largest cities, a metropolitan area now home to a mix of commercial, residential, industrial, and recreational areas; and

Whereas, on March 24, 2010, Her Worship Mayor Hazel McCallion, C.M., of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, will address the Jean Laney Harris Memorial Luncheon, sponsored by the South Carolina General Assembly Women’s Caucus, in Columbia; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives would like to extend to Mayor McCallion a warm welcome to South Carolina and wish her a pleasant and rewarding visit to our State as she speaks to the Jean Laney Harris Memorial Luncheon. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Her Worship Mayor Hazel McCallion, C.M., of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, for her many years of dedicated public service, and extend to her a cordial welcome to the Palmetto State upon the occasion of her address to the Jean Laney Harris Memorial Luncheon on March 24, 2010, in Columbia.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mayor McCallion.

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