**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE NIKKI HALEY OF LEXINGTON COUNTY FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that Nikki Haley will retire from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of her current term; and

Whereas, after she earned a bachelor of science from Clemson University in 1994, with an accounting major, she married her husband William Haley in 1996, and they have two fine children; and

Whereas, she served as the assistant executive director of Lexington Medical Center Foundation until she left the post in April 2010, to devote full time to her quest for statewide office and has served on the board of directors of that foundation since 2004; and

Whereas, in 1998, she served on the board of directors for the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce, and from 2003 to 2006, she served on the same board for the Lexington County Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, an enthusiastic member of the board of directors for the National Association of Women Business Owners, Representative Haley served as treasurer of the board in 2003 and as president in 2004; and

Whereas, active in the affairs of the community, she is a major in the Civil Air Patrol and served on the board of the Lexington County Sheriff’s Foundation from 2004 to 2006, and she is a member of the Rotary Club of Lexington; and

Whereas, elected to the General Assembly to represent District 87 in 2004, she was chairman of the Freshman Caucus from 2005 to 2006 and served as the majority whip in 2006 and the vice chair of the Republican Women’s Caucus in 2007, and she currently serves on the Education and Public Works Committee and has previous service on the Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee and on the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee where she served as chair of the Banking and Consumer Affairs Subcommittee; and

Whereas, in all of her service, she has brought her exceptional business and financial acumen to the great benefit of the people of this State; and

Whereas, for her excellent service to the citizens of our State, she received the 2005 Friend of the Taxpayer Award presented by the South Carolina Association of Taxpayers, the 2005 Legislator of the Year Award from the Centennial Foundation, the 2006 Palmetto Leadership Award from the South Carolina Policy Council, and the 2006 Strom Thurmond Excellence in Public Service and Government Award from the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the enthusiastic and energetic service that Nikki Haley, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives, and hope that she will enjoy deep fulfillment in the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable Nikki Haley of Lexington County for her dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of the citizens of South Carolina, and wish her much success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Nikki Haley.

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