**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND SYLVIA GUY KITCHENS OF RICHLAND COUNTY UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate have learned that Sylvia Guy Kitchens of Richland County began a well‑deserved retirement in January 2012 after more than twenty‑two years of outstanding service to the citizens of the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, Sylvia Guy Kitchens graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of South Carolina with a bachelor’s degree in business administration/accounting in August 1989. She began her career as an audit supervisor with the State Auditor’s Office, serving in this position from August 1989 to January 1997; and

Whereas, in February 1997, she took up her duties in the Department of Juvenile Justice as a legislative liaison and senior consultant in the areas of budget, fiscal analysis, and evaluations for the Office of Administration and the Office of the Director, positions she filled with distinction until her retirement in January 2012; and

Whereas, active in various professional organizations, Sylvia Kitchens is a member of the Central Chapter of the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants, which she has served as education coordinator, secretary/treasurer, vice president, and president. She is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Inc., and Government Finance Officers Association; and

Whereas, Mrs. Kitchens finds her strongest encouragement in the support of her family, her husband, Thomas “Tommy” Kitchens, and their three daughters, Deborah K. Simmel, Donna K. Wagner, and Angela K. Floyd. Among her greatest delights are her six grandchildren, Carolina Gillion Simmel, Jon‑Christian Thomas Simmel, Caitlin Elease Wagner, Grant Avery Wagner, Katherine Lillie Floyd, and Addison Faith Floyd; and

Whereas, to honor Sylvia Kitchens on her retirement, family and friends will host a celebratory event to be held March 1, 2012; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence in service that Sylvia Kitchens has bestowed on the people of South Carolina. The members take great pleasure in wishing her well as she enters retirement and trust she will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend Sylvia Guy Kitchens of Richland County upon the occasion of her retirement from the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sylvia Guy Kitchens.

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