**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO THANK MS. BECKIE GUNTER FOR HER TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE SENATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the Senate are pleased that Ms. Beckie Gunter has embraced new challenges and opportunities; and

Whereas, after Senator Glenn F. McConnell was elected Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina on March 13, 2012, she transitioned with him and will continue to work with him in the Lt. Governor’s Office; and

Whereas, since June 1989, Beckie has spent her career working for a variety of South Carolina State Senators, including Senators Pope, Elliott, Russell, and Lander, prior to working for Senator McConnell in both the Rules and Judiciary Committees; and

Whereas, music has always been a vital part of Beckie’s life. She is an accomplished organist and pianist and has served as organist of every church that she has attended since she was fourteen years old. She is currently a member of Kittiwake Baptist Church; and

Whereas, acting is Beckie’s new passion. She can be found acting, singing, and dancing with the St. Paul’s Players of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Columbia; in particular, her last role featured her wonderful storytelling abilities and adeptness at waltzing; and

Whereas, Beckie thoroughly enjoys spending time with her daughter, Sharon, and son‑in‑law, Brad, and adores the new man in her life - her grandson Nicholas. She is lovingly referred to as “Grammy”; and

Whereas, she is also an endearing friend and listener to countless individuals who stop by her office; and

Whereas, we are greatly pleased to have this opportunity to salute Beckie and accord her special recognition for her commitment and outstanding service to the members of the Senate. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, thank Ms. Beckie Gunter for her twenty-three years of distinguished and exemplary service to the Senate of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Ms. Beckie Gunter.

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