**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO THANK MRS. DEBBIE HAMMOND FOR HER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE SENATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the Senate are pleased that Mrs. Debbie Hammond 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 serve in his office as Chief of Staff; and

Whereas, prior to this position, Debbie served for twenty-six years in the Senate with the exception of one year, 2005-2006, when she was employed as Executive Assistant in the Office of Regulatory Staff before she returned to her beloved Senate; and

Whereas, over the years she has ably served under the leadership of Senator Marshall B. Williams, Senator Donald H. Holland, and Senator Glenn McConnell in the Senate Judiciary Committee, including, among many other responsibilities, assisting in three rounds of redistricting; and

Whereas, in her free time, Debbie thoroughly enjoys cooking and entertaining and spending time with her husband Mike and their two grown children, Tricia and Scott; and

Whereas, Debbie has spent the greater part of her public service career working for the South Carolina Senate and has always been universally regarded as a person of integrity, organization, and loyalty; and

Whereas, she deserves the thanks of every member of the Senate for her excellent work and outstanding service to the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, thank Mrs. Debbie Hammond for her twenty-six 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 Mrs. Debbie Hammond.

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