**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE TERECIA WEBB WILSON OF NEWBERRY COUNTY, TRAINING, SAFETY AND SECURITY PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC TRANSIT IN THE DIVISION OF INTERMODAL AND FREIGHT PROGRAMS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT STATE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate has learned that Terecia Webb Wilson of Newberry County, training, safety and security program manager for the Office of Public Transit in the Division of Intermodal and Freight Programs for the South Carolina Department of Transportation, soon will begin a well‑deserved retirement after many years of dedicated service to the people of the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, in pursuit of higher education, Mrs. Wilson earned her bachelor’s degree at Wake Forest University in 1978, graduating *magna cum laude* and later attending the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for graduate study. Since that time, she has participated in numerous training programs and seminars in her field, first as student and later as instructor; and

Whereas, in the early days of her career, she served as coordinator and grants writer for Rooftop of Virginia Community Action Agency, next working her way up through several leadership posts with various agencies, including the Columbia Urban League, City of Columbia DUI Alternative Sentencing Program, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety Programs, and South Carolina Department of Public Safety Office of Safety and Grants; and

Whereas, during Mrs. Wilson’s more than twenty‑eight years of management experience in safety, the programs she has created and implemented have contributed to significant reductions in the state’s mileage death rate, which dropped from 3.7 in 1986 to its lowest recorded level in 2010 of 1.65. She has provided leadership for numerous statewide programs and activities, as well as the development and implementation of sound policies that have contributed toward significant reductions in both employee injuries and traffic injuries and fatalities; and

Whereas, her reputation for excellence has brought her much recognition. Among her many honors are appointment as a senior fellow in the Automotive Safety Research Institute, International Center for Automotive Research, Clemson University (2011); the National Roadway Safety Award for the “Let ‘em Work, Let ‘em Live” High Visibility Enforcement Campaign for Work Zone Safety (2007, project director); and South Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association Traffic Safety Administrator of the Year Award (2005); and

Whereas, she has also served on a number of prestigious local, state, and national committees related to her field, such as the national‑level Strategic Highway Research Program II, Safety Technical Coordinating Committee, and she has made innumerable presentations at state and national events and conducted hundreds of television, radio, and newspaper interviews on a variety of traffic‑safety issues; and

Whereas, to recognize Mrs. Wilson’s decades of distinguished service, her friends and colleagues will gather to honor her at a retirement celebration on May 15, 2012; and

Whereas, the Senate, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Terecia Wilson has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in wishing her well as she enters retirement and trusts 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, congratulate Terecia Webb Wilson of Newberry County, training, safety and security program manager for the Office of Public Transit in the Division of Intermodal and Freight Programs for the South Carolina Department of Transportation, upon the occasion of her retirement, commend her for her many years of service to the citizens of this great State, and wish her continued success and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Terecia Webb Wilson.

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