**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO THANK MRS. MARY LOYD RILEY FOR HER FIFTEEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE SENATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HER HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH FOR THE FUTURE.

Whereas, the members of the Senate have learned that Mrs. Mary Loyd Riley will be retiring in June 2012. She began working on April 29, 1997, as a staff member of the South Carolina Senate; and

Whereas, Mary has spent the last fifteen years working for the Honorable David L. Thomas, first during his chairmanship with the General Committee subsequently throughout his chairmanship of the Banking and Insurance Committee; and

Whereas, prior to working for Senator Thomas, Mary worked as a paralegal and assisted the president of MacGregor Golf and she performed financial and forestry management for Rolf Kauka, a comic artist who is considered the Walt Disney of Germany; and

Whereas, in 2000, Mary was awarded the Homeward Bound Award for helping ex‑offenders get a fresh start and in 2008 she received a Consumer Spirit Award in Governmental Excellence for Leadership in Consumer Advocacy by the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs; and

Whereas, Mary thoroughly enjoys spending her time with her husband of thirty‑two years, Duane, and together they are the proud parents of three grown children, Ware, Mike, and Dana, and they also have four wonderful grandchildren, Beau, Corey, Morgan, and Marshall; and

Whereas, Mary is active in her church at the Christian Life Church in Columbia and in her spare time she especially enjoys antique hunting, decorating, and designing through her own business “The Matchmaker” for which she enjoys traveling to High Point, North Carolina and the wholesale market in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mary is an endearing friend to many in the Senate and we are greatly pleased to have this opportunity to salute Mary 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 Mrs. Mary Loyd Riley for her fifteen years of distinguished and exemplary service to the Senate of South Carolina and to wish her happiness and good health for the future.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Mary Riley.

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