**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MRS. KATIE COOPER GARVIN OF ESTILL FOR HER THIRTY‑EIGHT YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A TEACHER AND AS FRIEND TO HER COMMUNITY.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina General Assembly honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great state’s citizenry; and

Whereas, Mrs. Katie Cooper Garvin, an exemplary teacher for thirty‑eight years, stands among their number as an outstanding public servant, one much admired for her invaluable contributions to the education of Estill’s children, its most precious asset; and

Whereas, a native of Kingstree, young Katie was born December 1, 1927, to Joe and Eliza Cooper. Left an orphan at the age of twelve, she did not let this unfortunate circumstance stand in her way but pressed on to graduation from Kingstree’s Tomlinson High School, where she was salutatorian of her class; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, Katie Cooper Garvin graduated from Claflin College with a bachelor’s degree in English and social studies, with special emphasis in French; and

Whereas, Mrs. Garvin came to Estill in 1948, where she taught English for thirty‑eight years at Estill Training and Estill High School. She also taught French for several years and adult education for twenty‑five years; and

Whereas, in 1950, she married Washington Garvin, Jr., the Lord blessing them with four children, Reginald, who passed away in infancy; Gail Garvin Cohen; Conchita Garvin Bostick; and Washington Garvin III. In 2006, Katie Cooper Garvin lost her husband, a minister, after a long battle with illness; and

Whereas, a licensed funeral director, she actively serves as manager of her family‑owned company, Garvin & Garvin Funeral Home in Estill, where her business acumen and words of comfort and wisdom have encouraged many bereaved families; and

Whereas, as a woman of faith, Mrs. Garvin worshipped at Wilson Chapel Methodist Church from childhood until she graduated from high school. She is presently the Mother of Martin Temple CME Church in Estill; and

Whereas, on February 5, 2011, Katie Garvin’s family, friends, and former students will recognize her years of committed service to the people of Estill in an event to be held in the adopted hometown that loves her so well; and

Whereas, having made her mark and set the bar of achievement high in both her professions, Mrs. Garvin continues to inspire great respect, affection, and gratitude in former students, as well as in the citizens of Estill at large. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Mrs. Katie Cooper Garvin of Estill for her thirty‑eight years of dedicated service as a teacher and as friend to her community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Katie Cooper Garvin.

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