**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CATHY WHITE FOR HER FORTY‑TWO YEARS OF SERVICE TO PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY AND THE SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH AND GOD’S SPEED IN HER WELL‑EARNED RETIREMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Cathy White will be honored on April 29, 2011, among friends and co‑workers as she begins a much‑deserved retirement on May 1, 2011; and

Whereas, after graduating from Pacolet High School in May 1967, Cathy White entered Cecil’s Business College’s secretarial program; and

Whereas, in March 1969, she successfully completed her studies and two days later began work at the only job for which she applied at the princely salary of $62.50 a week to begin a forty‑two‑year career with Piedmont Natural Gas Company; and

Whereas, she began as a clerk C working for Superintendent John Bailey and was promoted through clerk B and clerk A until she was promoted in 1981 to secretary B to work for District Manager Mike Huffman; and

Whereas, in 1991, she began working as a secretary B for District Manager Mike Forrester and then as compliance coordinator, and when he was promoted to vice president for South Carolina, she became his administrative assistant; and

Whereas, before Regional Executive Minh Tran moved to Charlotte in 2008, she served as his administrative assistant from 2006 and again from 2009, when he returned to Spartanburg, until the present; and

Whereas, during the year interim she served as administrative assistant to Regional Executive Ron Mays, five good men in all to whom she imparted her wisdom and expertise for the benefit of Piedmont Natural Gas Company; and

Whereas, an active and dedicated member of the Spartanburg Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals for over 29 years, Cathy White was honored as “Secretary of the Year” in 1989 by her fellow members; and

Whereas, she served as president of the organization from 1989 to 1990 and on its board and committees over the years; and

Whereas, with poise and dignity, she has represented Piedmont Natural Gas Company in the Spartanburg community, where she is commonly referred to as “Ms. Piedmont,” and has mentored countless employees within the company, who affectionately refer to her as “Mommer”; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of service Cathy White has given to Piedmont Natural Gas Company and wish her much delight in her retirement as she seeks to spoil her two great‑nieces and her great‑nephew, the lights of her life. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Cathy White for her forty‑two years of service to Piedmont Natural Gas Company and the Spartanburg community, and wish her continued good health and God’s speed in her well‑earned retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Cathy White.

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