**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARY ALEXANDER OF LEE COUNTY FOR HER YEARS OF SELFLESS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO HER COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina take great pleasure in commending Mary Alexander for her outstanding commitment to the needs of her community in Bishopville; and

Whereas, born in Spartanburg the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moore Oeland, Mary Alexander was raised in South Carolina and graduated from Converse College; and

Whereas, together with her beloved husband of fifty‑three years, the late Thomas Herbert Alexander, she reared four fine children: Thomas H. Alexander, Jr., Edward Alexander, Martha Houser, and Mary Kaufman; and they blessed their parents with four adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, a resident of Lee County for over fifty years, she has served the community on numerous committees, including the Bishopville Opera House, Lee County Care Center, the Social Peace Committee, and Bethlehem United Methodist Church of Bishopville; and

Whereas, from 1999 to 2009, she and three other members organized Christian Unity Week for the Social Peace Committee in an effort to promote racial harmony through fellowship and work; and

Whereas, in April 2006, she received the Converse 100 Award, an achievement award given to recognize ideals and accomplishments that exemplify the spirit of Converse College, making her a member of the honored group known as the Converse 100; and

Whereas, in June 2006, the Methodist Conference presented her with the Barbara Boultinghouse Bridge Builder Award for building bridges of understanding for all God’s people, and at Bethlehem United Methodist Church of Bishopville, the young‑adult Sunday School class was named the Alexander Class in her honor; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the legacy that Mary Alexander has built in Bishopville and Lee County and for the standard of excellence set by this devoted daughter of the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Mary Alexander of Lee County for her years of selfless service and dedication to her community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mary Alexander.

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