**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR KATHERINE H. RICHARDSON OF SUMTER COUNTY FOR HER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SUMTER COUNTY MUSEUM AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AS SHE TAKES ON HER NEW DUTIES WITH THE CAMDEN ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives has learned that Katherine H. Richardson of Sumter County has resigned from her post as executive director of the Sumter County Museum and will begin a new time of service as deputy director of the Camden Archives and Museum; and

Whereas, Mrs. Richardson, who earned a master’s degree in applied history at the University of South Carolina in preparation for her career, studied historic preservation, archives, and American colonial history in depth. Previously, she had earned her bachelor’s degree in American colonial history at the College of Charleston; and

Whereas, prior to moving to Sumter, Katherine Richardson had a successful historic‑preservation consulting firm in Columbia and worked on preservation projects throughout South Carolina. In 1993, she accepted the post of executive director of the Sumter County Museum and began her service by overseeing the renovation of the old Carnegie Public Library and establishing the museum archives there; and

Whereas, in addition to these projects, Mrs. Richardson was instrumental in the campaign to build the Heritage Education Building, which now houses the archives, and she helped plan its construction. The educational and enjoyable Carolina Backcountry programs, including Carolina Backcountry Christmas, Springtime, and Harvest, are also among her accomplishments. She co‑designed the museum’s Hands On History program, now in its fourteenth year, started the popular Sumter County Museum Shrimp Feast and helped plan and organize the museum’s even more popular oyster roast, both events being major fundraisers for the museum; and

Whereas, under her leadership, the Sumter County Museum has celebrated for nine years the heritage of some of Sumter County’s first settlers with the Scottish Country Fair, Jewish Heritage Weekend, and other events; and

Whereas, married to Dr. George Granberry Richardson, she and her husband are the proud parents of two daughters; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for her commitment to excellence, takes great pleasure in recognizing Katherine H. Richardson for nearly two decades of service as executive director of the Sumter County Museum, and the members wish her the best as she undertakes her new duties with the Camden Archives and Museum. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Katherine H. Richardson of Sumter County for her eighteen years of dedicated service as executive director of the Sumter County Museum and wish her much success as she takes on her new duties with the Camden Archives and Museum.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Katherine H. Richardson.

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