**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR HELEN CURRIE SCHUMPERT FOR HER SEVENTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN’S AUXILIARY OF THE GETHSEMANE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND TO RECOGNIZE HER UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO FAITH AND FAMILY.

Whereas, it is appropriate to recognize the service and sacrifice of certain South Carolina citizens as they further their faith and the dedication in which they seek to do the work of the Lord; and Helen Currie Schumpert is one such South Carolinian worthy of special recognition in this regard; and

Whereas, Mrs. Schumpert received her bachelor of science degree from Benedict College with further study at Temple University, South Carolina State University, and Clemson University. She also received her Masters of Education degree from Southern Wesleyan University; and

Whereas, a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Chapin, she retired as director of music after more than thirty years. She also served as the Chair of the Deaconess Board and was intimately involved with all the phases of church work; and

Whereas, this devoted servant of God served with distinction as president of the Woman’s Auxiliary of the Gethsemane Baptist Association and the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina from 1995 to 2012, an amazing seventeen years; and she served as youth supervisor and assistant supervisor for fifteen years. Under Mrs. Schumpert’s guiding hands, the Woman’s Auxiliary moved to a whole new level of home and foreign missions; and

Whereas, she has recently been appointed as Coordinator of Global Missions for the State of South Carolina by the president of the Woman’s Baptist E&M Convention; and

Whereas, Mrs. Schumpert also is a past president and member of the Columbia, South Carolina, Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Federated Women of America, and several other organizations; and

Whereas, as a woman of seemingly endless energy, she is retired from General Motors Acceptance Corporation and is currently working for Richland School District One at Hyatt Park Elementary School; and

Whereas, she is the loving wife of Bobby L. Schumpert and together they are the parents of two children, Bobby L. Schumpert, Jr. and Lisa Schumpert Jefferson. In addition, they have two lovely granddaughters of whom they are so proud; and

Whereas, truly a woman with a servant’s heart Mrs. Schumpert exemplifies the qualities of a true woman of faith and lives by her own motto that whatever takes place in her life, she will put God first and all the other things will be added. The General Assembly takes great pleasure in honoring such a woman. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, honor Helen Currie Schumpert for her seventeen years of service as president of the Woman’s Auxiliary of the Gethsemane Baptist Association and recognize her unwavering commitment to faith and family.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Helen Currie Schumpert.

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