**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KATHY MANESS, A MEMBER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF LEXINGTON, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WITH THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES FOR 2012.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Kathy Maness was elected President of Women in Municipal Government (WIMG) with the National League of Cities (NLC) in November 2011, the first woman from the Palmetto State to hold this position; and

Whereas, a women’s advocacy group of the NLC since 1974, WIMG serves municipal employees and officials within the NLC, providing women municipal officers and their colleagues new opportunities and a forum for communication and networking; and

Whereas, WIMG also sponsors the Women’s Leadership Award program which recognizes a female local official for unique and outstanding leadership in local government; and

Whereas, WIMG strives to raise awareness about issues of concern to women, encourages women to seek public office in their communities, and helps to ensure that women hold leadership positions within the NLC; and

Whereas, the Executive Director of Palmetto State Teachers Association, Kathy Maness was elected to the Lexington Town Council in 2004 and has been serving the Town of Lexington on its council since then; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition that Kathy Maness has brought to the Town of Lexington and the Palmetto State by being elected to serve in this important leadership position in such a prestigious national organization. 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 Kathy Maness, a member of the Town Council of Lexington, and congratulate her upon being elected President of Women in Municipal Government with the National League of Cities for 2012.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Kathy Maness.

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