**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. MAREE PRICE, PRINCIPAL OF LONNIE B. NELSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Dr. Maree Price for her significant contributions to education in the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, after earning a bachelor’s in English from the University of South Carolina, she received a master’s in elementary education and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction also from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Dr. Price began her career in education in 1972 as an elementary and then a middle school teacher, teaching for seventeen years before becoming an assistant principal for two years; and

Whereas, she then served as a principal for five years at North Springs Elementary School and subsequently opened Bookman Road Elementary School where she served as principal for eight years; and

Whereas, after a year as the executive director of elementary schools in Richland District One, Dr. Price realized her professional delight and satisfaction emanate from being in direct contact with students, teachers, and parents; so, Dr. Price returned to a school setting in 2007, becoming principal of Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School, where she strives to help fulfill the schools motto of “A community of learners united in helping ourselves, others, and our world”; and

Whereas, named a District Teacher of the Year and a State Honor Roll Teacher, she also has received the William B. Harley Administrator of the Year award; and

Whereas, she and her devoted husband, Buddy, both are avid readers, and Dr. Price fulfills some of her love of reading by participating in five book clubs; and

Whereas, Dr. Price attends Trinity Methodist Church in her hometown of Blythewood; she and her husband have raised two fine sons, Lee and Ben, who have blessed them with three grandsons and two granddaughters; and

Whereas, she plans to spend many happy hours of retirement with her adoring grandchildren and reading for her own enjoyment and theirs; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of dedication that Dr. Maree Price has devoted to the education of our state’s young learners and wish her many years of enjoyment in her well‑earned retirement. 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 Dr. Maree Price, Principal of Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School, upon the occasion of her retirement after forty years of outstanding service in the field of education, and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Maree Price.

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