**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE DENNY WOODALL NEILSON FOR HER COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 56 IN CHESTERFIELD AND DARLINGTON COUNTIES AND TO WISH HER CONTENTMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for twenty‑nine years, the Honorable Denny Woodall Neilson has represented the citizens of House District 56 in Chesterfield and Darlington counties with faithfulness in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, a district technology student job placement coordinator, Denny Woodall Neilson studied at Anderson Junior College and Coker College, where she earned her bachelor’s degree. She completed her master’s degree at Winthrop University, followed by studies at the University of South Carolina and Nova University. She also holds an honorary doctorate from Francis Marion University; and

Whereas, during her years in the House of Representatives, Denny Neilson has proven her worth as a member of the Rules Committee and Ways and Means Committee, which she serves as secretary/treasurer. In addition, she is former chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging and House Ethics Committee; and

Whereas, no member of the House can forget the terrible automobile accident some years ago where she suffered severe and traumatic injuries requiring an extended period of convalescence, and the courage it took to recover from these injuries. Her return to the House after the accident was one of the greatest joys, as a body, the House has ever experienced; and

Whereas, Representative Neilson believes in giving back to her community and over the years has demonstrated her conviction in service to various organizations. Present or past positions include service as a member of Darlington City Council, Darlington County Council on Aging, South Carolina Health Coordinating Council, Governor’s School for Science and Math Board of Trustees, Darlington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Darlington Pilot Club (president), Darlington County Education Association, National Association of Accredited Talent and Beauty Judges (president), South Carolina Baptist Ministries on Aging Board of Trustees, and Darlington Free Medical Board; and

Whereas, for her many years of service to her community and State, she has received numerous awards, among them the South Carolina Education Association Human Relations Award, South Carolina Distinguished Teacher‑Citizen Award, Young Farmers of America Service Award, and South Carolina Association of School Administrators Career and Technology Leadership Award. She also has been named Darlington Business and Professional Women’s Association Woman of the Year, South Carolina Federation of Older Americans Association Legislator of the Year, Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year; and

Whereas, married to David S. Neilson, she and her husband draw strength from their faith, nourished by worship at Central Baptist Church. She is a lady of grace, dignity, and charm whose presence and counsel will be deeply missed in the Halls of the House; and

Whereas, on the occasion of her departure from the House of Representatives, her House colleagues, grateful for Denny Neilson’s dedicated service to this body and the people of District 56, extend heartiest good wishes for much fulfillment in the new challenges she looks forward to in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Denny Woodall Neilson for her committed service to the South Carolina House of Representatives and the citizens of District 56 in Chesterfield and Darlington counties and wish her contentment and success in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Denny Woodall Neilson.

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