**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE RUDELL M. GAMBLE, PROBATE JUDGE FOR WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE BENCH, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that the Honorable Rudell M. Gamble will begin a well‑deserved retirement after more than thirty‑eight years of faithful and outstanding service to the citizens of the Palmetto State, the past twenty‑four years as a probate judge; and

Whereas, born the youngest of seven children to Earl and Nancie Murray Moore, Rudell M. Gamble is the proud mother of one daughter, Keisha, and delighted grandmother of three; and

Whereas, in preparation for her career, she earned a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts at Morris College and in 1974 was employed by Williamsburg County Probate Court as a clerk. In 1976, she became associate judge and served in that position until 1988. In that same year, she was appointed probate judge for Williamsburg County by Governor Carroll Campbell, Jr., making her the first female African‑American probate judge in the Palmetto State since Reconstruction; and

Whereas, because she believes strongly in active community involvement, Rudell M. Gamble is a member of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 260, NAACP, South Carolina Association of Probate Judges, Rockhurst University Continuing Education Center, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Williamsburg County Chapter of the AARP (treasurer), and Foster Grandparent Advisory Board. She is also a notary public for South Carolina; and

Whereas, a graduate of Williamsburg County Leadership 2002, she also attended the prestigious National College of Probate Judges (1989) and the Institute of Government for County Officials (1997); and

Whereas, as a woman of faith, she serves her God as a member of Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Greeleyville, where she sings in the choir and participates in the trustee ministry; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the legacy of leadership the Honorable Rudell M. Gamble has bestowed on Williamsburg County and appreciates the long and enduring guidance she has given to the citizens of the Palmetto State. 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 commend the Honorable Rudell M. Gamble, probate judge for Williamsburg County, upon the occasion of her retirement from the bench, 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 the Honorable Rudell M. Gamble.

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