**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAROLYN F. WILLIAMS, CLERK OF COURT OF WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN THIRTY‑EIGHT YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, 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 Carolyn F. Williams for her significant contributions to Williamsburg County; and

Whereas, a native of Kingstree and the daughter of the late Willie D. and Ruth H. Fulton, she began her secondary education at Tomlinson High School in Kingstree and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Brooklyn, New York; and

Whereas, she continued her education at the William Maxwell School in Brooklyn and the New York School of Banking before she returned to Williamsburg County; and

Whereas, together with her beloved husband, the late Ernest Williams, Jr., she reared four fine children: Ezzell, Russell, Meagen, and Craig, who is deceased; and

Whereas, Carolyn Williams served as the deputy clerk of court for Williamsburg County for thirteen years, and on July 23, 1986, Governor Carroll Campbell, Jr., appointed her to serve as the first African‑American clerk of court in the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, she was subsequently elected clerk of court by the citizens of Williamsburg County in 1988, running unopposed for six consecutive terms, and plans to retire on December 31, 2012, after more than thirty‑eight years of service to Williamsburg County; and

Whereas, the great‑great‑granddaughter of civil-rights activist Boatswain Hanna, bodyguard and friend to the Honorable S. A. Swails, she served in the very same historic Robert Mills Courthouse where her ancestor was shot while defending and saving Swails’ life from Confederate soldiers; and

Whereas, she is a member of Elijah United Methodist Church, the South Carolina Association of Clerks of Court, the National Association of Elected Officials, the Williamsburg branch of the NAACP, Black Methodists for Church Renewal, the Notary Public Association, and the Williamsburg County chapter of American Association of Retired Persons; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of dedication that Carolyn F. Williams has devoted to Williamsburg County 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 Carolyn F. Williams, Clerk of Court of Williamsburg County, upon the occasion of her retirement after more than thirty‑eight years of outstanding service, 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 Carolyn F. Williams.

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