**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MRS. YVETTE ROWLAND FOR HER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS MANAGER OF THE STATE HOUSE TOUR OFFICE AND TO WISH HER WELL IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the formative and inspiring work of Mrs. Yvette Rowland in introducing countless visitors, South Carolinians and non‑, to the enduring beauty and proud history of our State House; and

Whereas, Yvette has worked for South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the past thirteen years, beginning as a State House Tour Guide and continuing as Manager of the State House Tour Office; and

Whereas, Yvette has developed a rich collegial relationship with schools and teachers across our State, such that annual third grade class visits to the State House have become a much anticipated and almost established tradition in innumerable South Carolina schools; and

Whereas, this is testified to by the fact that over 35,000 South Carolina school children will come from every corner of the State to visit the State House in the 2010‑2011 school year; and

Whereas, Yvette proudly serves as the Region 4 Chairperson for the National Legislative Services and Security Association (NLSSA), a division of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); and

Whereas, Yvette was born in Columbia in 1962 and attended and graduated from South Carolina public schools, most notably Lower Richland High School. She lived in Atlanta for fifteen years before returning to Columbia; and

Whereas, Yvette and her husband Mike are the proud parents of three children, Micha (20, a rising junior at Charleston Southern University), Mikey (18, who will graduate from Irmo High School on June 3, 2011), and Brandon (15, a rising sophomore at Irmo High School), and are members of Brookland Baptist Church; and

Whereas, in her free time Yvette enjoys walking, reading, swimming, and spending time with her children and family; and

Whereas, Yvette is, both personally and professionally, held in the highest esteem by her many friends and co‑workers in the State House; and

Whereas, Yvette will be remembered with warm affection and greatly missed by these friends and co‑workers as she pursues a new career with United States Senator Lindsey O. Graham’s local office as Midlands Regional Director; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the distinguished work of Yvette Rowland, which has made available to State House guests an experience of South Carolina and State House history so enriching and affecting as to create indelible memories of it. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Mrs. Yvette Rowland for her many years of outstanding service to the State of South Carolina as Manager of the State House Tour Office and to wish her well in all her future endeavors.

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