**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND KAREN KANES FLOYD, FORMER CHAIR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY, FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate has learned that Karen Kanes Floyd recently retired from her position as chair of the South Carolina Republican Party; and

Whereas, the first woman to be elected to lead the South Carolina GOP, she served as chair for two years, during which time the party enjoyed unprecedented success in the 2010 midterm elections; and

Whereas, she earned a juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law, where she was elected president of the Student Bar Association; and

Whereas, the former chair of the Spartanburg County Council, Karen Floyd previously served as vice president of Flagstar Corporation, the parent company of Denny’s; and

Whereas, she served as chief magistrate of Spartanburg County, the first woman to hold such a position in South Carolina, and enjoyed a successful career both as a prosecutor and as an attorney in private practice; and

Whereas, she now directs The Palladian Group, a global marketing, communications, and technology company she founded, which is well into its second decade of operations; and

Whereas, a recipient of The Order of the Palmetto, the state’s highest civilian honor, she currently sits on the board of the South Carolina Ports Authority; and

Whereas, Karen Floyd, and her husband, Gordon, have two fine children and live in Spartanburg; and

Whereas, aware of her dedicated service to the citizens of the Palmetto State, the members of the Senate extend grateful thanks to Karen Floyd for the respect and recognition her work has brought to our great State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and commend Karen Kanes Floyd, former chair of the South Carolina Republican Party, for her many years of dedicated service to the people of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Karen Kanes Floyd.

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