**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARY B. WILLIAMS, OF RICHLAND COUNTY, SECRETARY OF ZION PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER SIXTY YEARS OF FAITHFUL 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 Senate of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Mary B. Williams of Richland County for her significant contributions to Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church, in Richtex, South Carolina; and

Whereas, together with her beloved husband of sixty‑two years, Charlie Williams, she reared six fine children: Charlie, Jr.; Jimmy; Donald; Mildred W. Young; Ronald; and Byron. These children blessed their parents with thirteen adoring grandchildren and twenty‑five great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted member of the Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church, she has served with dedication on the Jubilee Choir, in the missionary society, the women’s ministry, the senior ministry, and the choir union for many years; and

Whereas, she helped start the Neighborhood Bible Study in 1989 and is still an active member going to nursing homes and going from house to house in the neighborhood and in other communities to spread the Word of God; and

Whereas, as the president of the Mt. Hebron Association Women’s Department for more than fifteen years, she traveled across the Unites States representing Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church and the Mt. Hebron Association of Columbia; and

Whereas, she was a member of the Mt. Hebron Sunday School Convention, and she remains active in the prison ministry for women, feeding the women at Thanksgiving and Christmas; and

Whereas, she served as treasurer of the Cedar Creek Land Owners Association Upper Richland, and for more than thirty years, she worked as a precinct poll manager in Upper Richland and is still active as a poll worker; and

Whereas during her six decades of steadfast and loyal service to Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church, Mary Williams has stood on the Word of God: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven.” 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 honor Mary B. Williams of Richland County, secretary of Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church in Richtex, South Carolina, upon the occasion of her retirement after sixty years of faithful 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 Mary B. Williams.

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