**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KAREN GILLESPIE UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB AFTER A LONG CAREER OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate, with mixed emotions, have learned that Karen Gillespie, affectionately known as “Little Bit,” soon will begin a well-deserved retirement from her work as a lobbyist for Bristol Myers Squibb; and

Whereas, Karen Gillespie, who also served as chairman of the South Carolina Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association Taskforce, knowledgeably and expertly led its government affairs team in advocating pharmaceutical interests in the South Carolina General Assembly and promoting the benefits of pharmaceutical research as a key component in providing quality health care to South Carolinians; and

Whereas, in her retirement, Karen Gillespie likely will not miss rushing through airports en route to the capital cities of the states she covered, but instead will enjoy travelling to places she has long wanted to tour; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the years of dedication that Karen Gillespie has devoted to ensure quality health care for our citizens, will miss her charm and personality, and wish her many years of enjoyment in her well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Karen Gillespie upon the occasion of her retirement from Bristol Myers Squibb after a long career 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 presented to Karen Gillespie.

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