**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND EMILY VIVIAN COOPER‑JONES FOR HER DEDICATION TO THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN BERKELEY COUNTY FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the significant contributions that Emily Vivian Cooper‑Jones made to education in Berkeley County between 1954 and 1987; and

Whereas, the daughter of Jettie and Samuel Cooper of Cherry Hill, she was the eighth of their nine children and began her education in a one‑room school in the community; and

Whereas, she attended R. A. Ready Elementary School and graduated from Berkeley Training High School; and

Whereas, before she returned to Moncks Corner to teach for the Berkeley County School System in 1954, she earned a bachelor’s in education from South Carolina State College and a master’s in education from Indiana University; and

Whereas, she met her beloved husband, Samuel Augustus Jones, while he was the band and choir director at Berkeley Middle School, and together they reared three fine sons: Walton and Maurice Jones and Robert Cooper, her nephew; and

Whereas, when the school superintendent asked her to begin a program for speech therapy in Berkeley County, she attended The Citadel where she earned certification in speech pathology and audiology; and

Whereas, as an advocate for fair and equal education, she was widely regarded for her leadership and teaching excellence before she retired in 1987 after thirty‑three years as an outstanding educator; and

Whereas, she loved teaching, but even more she loves God, her family, and the church, where she serves as first lady beside her husband and pastor; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pioneer work of Emily Cooper‑Jones in speech therapy in Berkeley County and for her thirty‑three years as an educator in the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend Emily Vivian Cooper‑Jones for her dedication to the education of children in Berkeley County for more than three decades.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Emily Vivian Cooper‑Jones.

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