**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANN AUGUST, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SANTEE‑WATEREE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, FOR FIFTEEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the fifteen years of dedicated service that Ann August has given to the Santee‑Wateree Regional Transportation Authority (SWRTA); and

Whereas, a native of Rembert, Ms. August spent thirty‑nine years in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she worked for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority; and

Whereas, in 1997, she returned to Sumter and began working for SWRTA. Three years later she was named executive director of the authority, becoming the first black female to lead a regional transit authority in the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, an expert in the transportation field and exemplary in public relations, Ann August helped to extend transportation options to the elderly and to expand service into rural areas of Sumter, Lee, Clarendon, and Kershaw counties; and

Whereas, under her leadership, SWRTA passed its annual audits every year and was recently recognized for having one of the finest substance‑abuse programs for transit agencies in the nation; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are appreciative of the devotion and dedication that Ann August has given to SWRTA, and they look to hear of her continued accomplishments as she serves in her new role as the executive director of the Birmingham‑Jefferson Transit Authority in Birmingham, Alabama. 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 honor Ann August, executive director of the Santee‑Wateree Regional Transportation Authority, for fifteen years 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 provided to Ann August.

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