**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ROBERT C. WILLIAMS, LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS FORTY‑FOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great state’s most important legacy, its children; and

Whereas, Batesburg‑Leesville’s Robert C. Williams, retiring after forty‑four fruitful years as an educator, stands among their number as an outstanding public benefactor, one much admired in his roles as both teacher and administrator; and

Whereas, the young Robert received his early training at the University of South Carolina, where he received a bachelor’s degree in history with a minor in English. Immediately following his college graduation in 1969, he began his teaching career at Batesburg‑Leesville High School as an English teacher, later earning an M.A.T. from USC in history and completing thirty additional hours of graduate credit in administration; and

Whereas, hundreds of students benefited from Mr. Williams’ style of teaching, his attention to detail, and his love of reading, and many of his former students credit him for their ability to excel in their English classes at various institutions of higher learning; and

Whereas, one such former student, South Carolina State Representative Ralph Kennedy, Jr., enjoyed the privilege of being in Mr. Williams’ eleventh‑ and twelfth‑grade English classes, as well as the fun of playing the lead in the senior play under Mr. Williams’ direction; and

Whereas, in 1986, Robert Williams assumed a new role in Lexington Three when he became principal of Batesburg‑Leesville Middle School. Over the next ten years, he and his faculty worked diligently to make their school a welcoming place, and the school received numerous state awards under his leadership; and

Whereas, in 1996, Mr. Williams was named assistant superintendent for personnel/administration for Lexington Three, becoming in the ensuing years a driving force in guiding the direction of the district. He has served as the right hand of three superintendents and as district “historian” because of his tenure and has always been there to provide a practical, no‑nonsense approach to finding the best solution to every issue. Having served Lexington Three with distinction for more than four decades, he has earned the respect of all who have worked with him; and

Whereas, on the home front, Robert Williams and his wife of thirty‑three years, Jane, raised a fine son, Rob. During Mr. Williams’ well‑earned retirement, the House trusts he will find himself more frequently indulging in increased family time, working around his home, reading books by his favorite Southern writers, and traveling with his wife; and

Whereas, having set the bar of achievement high in his profession, Robert Williams will be remembered with affection and gratitude by colleagues, students, parents, and legislative friends for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Robert C. Williams, Lexington County School District Three assistant superintendent for personnel/administration, upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his forty‑four years of dedicated service as an educator, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Robert C. Williams.

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