**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR JUDY JOHNSON FOR HER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the House of Representatives has learned that Judy Johnson recently stepped down from her position as Marion Chamber of Commerce executive director, in which she served with such distinction, to embrace the pleasures of retirement; and

Whereas, Judy began working with the Marion Chamber of Commerce in 1995 upon the retirement of Marshall Byasee and held the office of executive director for eighteen years, longer than any of her predecessors. She retired on December 31, 2013; and

Whereas, under her leadership, the Marion Chamber flourished, among other achievements developing the Chamber Checks Program, which provides assurance that the dollars involved will be spent in Marion. Since this program was initiated, more than four hundred seventy thousand dollars in Chamber Checks have been sold. Another endeavor Judy takes pride in is the Francis Marion books the Chamber provides to the third graders of Marion County. She also has relished coordinating the Christmas parade; and

Whereas, a graduate of Salisbury State University in business administration, Judy married in 1977 and moved to Marion in 1981. Prior to taking up her duties with the Marion Chamber, Judy, a certified teacher for the National Quilters Association, was active with the South Carolina Quilters and Swamp Fox Quilters. This committed worker in the church life of Marion Presbyterian Church also enjoys being a part of the Friends of the Marion County Museum and is a certified yoga instructor. She shares her love of yoga with the class sponsored by the City of Marion; and

Whereas, respected by all connected with the Marion Chamber as a trustworthy woman of character, the very well‑organized Judy always gets the job done; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Judy Johnson has bestowed on this great State, takes much pleasure in wishing her well in her retirement and trusts she will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Judy Johnson for her many years of outstanding service as executive director of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement, and wish her much success and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Judy Johnson.

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