**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DRU T. JAMES OF GREENWOOD COUNTY FOR HER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina Senate honors individuals who freely give of their time and resources for the good of others; and

Whereas, Dru T. James of Greenwood County has contributed valuable community and public service to the citizens of Greenwood and the Palmetto State and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, strongly believing in active participation in her community, Dru demonstrates her commitment through service with a number of organizations. She was elected to serve on the Greenwood District 50 Board of Trustees (1993‑2008, past board chair, vice chair, and secretary) and the South Carolina School Boards Association (1997‑2008, past president, secretary, treasurer, and region director); and

Whereas, she has served on the South Carolina State Board of Education since January 2010, also serving as chair of the Standards, Learning, and Accountability Committee from 2011 to 2012. Further, she served on the Workers’ Compensation Board‑SCSBA Insurance Trust (2007‑2008) and was appointed by Dr. Jim Rex, state superintendent of education, as chair of the Task Force on Resources for a Competitive South Carolina in 2007. She is also on the NSBA Nominations Committee; and

Whereas, Dru’s civic activities are many and varied and include service with the Greenwood County Community Foundation (founding and current board member) and First Baptist Church (former deacon), as well as previous service with the United Way Board of Directors (past chair of Community Impact Agenda), Lander University Board of Visitors, Healthy Learners Statewide Advisory Committee, Literacy Council Board, American Red Cross Board, Old 96 Girl Scout Council Board, and Success by Six Business Alliance. In addition, she serves on the Canal Insurance Company Board of Directors (2008‑present); and

Whereas, for her extensive service, Dru has been honored in numerous ways, among them the 2011 Women’s Leadership Council Catalyst Award, 2004 United Way John B. Sloan Award, and a 1993 South Carolina Department of Education Certificate of Appreciation for significant contributions to public schools; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, Dru earned a bachelor’s degree in physical therapy from Georgia State University in 1973. She retired with forty years of experience as a physical therapist; and

Whereas, she finds strength for all her endeavors in the strong support of her family, and she and her husband, Dr. W. Ennis James, are the proud parents of two grown children, Leslie and Ennis; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Dru James who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dru T. James of Greenwood County for her many years of outstanding community and public service to the people of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dru T. James.

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