**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BARBARA SHACKLEFORD, CHAIR OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO THANK HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, since May 1999, the Cherokee County Board of Voter Registration has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of Barbara Shackleford, who retired from the board on December 31, 2013, after more than fourteen years of service, the past ten years as board chair; and

Whereas, born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Boheler, Barbara Shackleford graduated from Gaffney High School and received her bachelor’s degree from Winthrop University; and

Whereas, throughout her business career, Mrs. Shackleford has proved herself both versatile and valuable as a staff member. In addition to serving admirably as a member of the Cherokee County Board of Voter Registration, she served with the Cherokee County Election Commission and Hoechst‑Celanese (from which she is also retired), as well as the Cherokee County History & Arts Museum. While serving at the museum, she developed a business plan still used as a guide today; and

Whereas, under Barbara Shackleford’s leadership, the Cherokee County Board of Voter Registration successfully transitioned the county’s voting process from paper balloting to electronic voting, installed a new voter registration system, and implemented the new Voter ID law; and

Whereas, because she believes all citizens should be actively involved in their communities, she is a longtime member of CHAPS (Cherokee Historical and Preservation Society) and serves her God as a member of Grassy Pond Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Barbara Shackleford’s reputation for wisdom was proven true in her work with the Cherokee County Board of Voter Registration, where she served with great commitment and talent and won the respect of her fellow board members; and

Whereas, strongly supported in her labors by her husband, Dennis, Mrs. Shackleford always has found additional strength in the love of her children, Jason and his wife, Monica; and Jonathan and his wife, Lynne; and now the senior Shacklefords’ four‑year‑old granddaughter, Clancy; and

Whereas, the Senate, grateful for Barbara Shackleford’s many years of faithfulness in serving the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in commending her for her contributions to progress and quality of life in this great State, especially in Cherokee County. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Barbara Shackleford, chair of the Cherokee County Board of Voter Registration, on the occasion of her retirement, thank her for her many years of dedicated and outstanding service, and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Barbara Shackleford.

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