**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE FAITH DUPREE‑WHITE OF COLUMBIA UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

Whereas, Faith Dupree White, retiring after twenty fruitful years as an elementary school counselor, stands among their number as an outstanding public benefactor, one much admired in her role as both educator and community leader; and

Whereas, this native of Wichita Falls, Texas, was one of three children born to a pastor/Air Force chaplain father, and the family lived successively in Texas, Japan, and Michigan as part of her father’s duties; and

Whereas, in preparation for her career, Mrs. Dupree‑White earned her bachelor’s degree at Central State University in Oklahoma, followed by a master’s degree in education at the University of South Carolina (USC). She gained further preparation by serving as a substitute teacher at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School and as an interpreter for the deaf at Midlands Technical College and USC; and

Whereas, in 1996, she began her work as an elementary school counselor at North Springs Elementary School, where she served until 2007. In that same year, she took up her duties at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary in the same capacity. In June 2016, Mrs. Dupree‑White will conclude an honored public school career of two decades; and

Whereas, always seeking ways to serve, this compassionate community leader is a board member at large with Palmetto Place Children’s Shelter, a safe haven for abused and neglected children and homeless teens throughout the State of South Carolina. As a woman of faith, she serves her God as a member of Shandon Baptist Church. Highly respected among her colleagues, she has twice served them as chair for the school counselors in her district, Richland School District Two; and

Whereas, Faith Dupree‑White finds strength for her labors in the strong support of her family: her husband, Bob White; their children and stepchildren; and their delightful grandchildren and step‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, to recognize Mrs. Dupree‑White for her many years of service to South Carolina’s children, her colleagues will host a retirement celebration in her honor on May 26, 2016; and

Whereas, as a National Board Certified educator, Faith Dupree‑White has set the bar of achievement high in her profession. She will be remembered upon her retirement with affection and gratitude by colleagues, students, parents, and legislative friends for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Faith Dupree‑White of Columbia upon the occasion of her retirement, commend her for her many years of dedicated service as an educator, and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Faith Dupree‑White.

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