**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND AMY OVERSTREET OF RICHLAND COUNTY, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, FOR HER TWENTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for twenty years, Amy Overstreet of Richland County has faithfully served the State of South Carolina’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the past eighteen as public affairs specialist, and has consistently carried out her duties with poise and excellence; and

Whereas, during her years of service to the State of South Carolina, she has won acclaim with not only NRCS leadership but also conservation partners for her tireless efforts to enhance public information about NRCS programs, which have benefited producers across the State; and

Whereas, a tremendous asset and visible proponent of agriculture in South Carolina, Amy Overstreet has worked directly with four NRCS state conservationists, Mark Berkland, Walt Douglas, Niles Glasgow, and Ann English, and handled numerous details, campaigns, and committees, including an extended detail to the NRCS national office’s Soil Science Division, where she was responsible for crafting the 2015 NRCS Agencywide Communications Plan for the International Year of Soils; and

Whereas, actively involved in promoting the Strike Force Initiative in South Carolina, a multi‑agency collaboration of the USDA consisting of the NRCS, Farm Service Agency, and Rural Development, she has assisted the success of the initiative, which seeks to grow economies, increase investments, and create opportunities in poverty‑stricken rural communities; and

Whereas, this woman of diverse talents helped coordinate and attended the U.S. kickoff of the International Year of Soils at the United Nations headquarters in New York City and has published a book, *Summary of Natural Resource Concerns in South Carolina,* which won a national graphic design award; and

Whereas, Amy Overstreet served as producer, scriptwriter, and editor for an award‑winning feature‑length documentary highlighting St. Helena Island. In recognition of her dedicated service, she recently received the Hugh Hammond Bennett Legacy of Conservation Gold Medal Award from NRCS chief Jason Weller for her work on the Unlock the Secrets in the Soil campaign; and

Whereas, a consistent contact for the NRCS in the Palmetto State, she has used her position and work to improve agriculture and the rural infrastructure of this State. She has been a key member and leader of many agriculturally related groups and organizations, such as the South Carolina Agricultural Council, Midlands Local Food Collaborative, South Carolina Agriculture and Natural Resources Communicators for the Environment, and South Carolina New and Beginning Farmer Program Steering Committee; and

Whereas, after her duties with the State of South Carolina end on January 31, 2015, Ms. Overstreet will be moving to Vermont to take on new responsibilities and challenges with the NRCS, and the members of the House wish to express their gratitude for her exemplary service to the people of South Carolina during her time in the Palmetto State. The people of Vermont are blessed to have Amy Overstreet joining their numbers, and she will be missed by her community in South Carolina, as well as by the South Carolina House of Representatives. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend Amy Overstreet of Richland County, Natural Resources Conservation Service public affairs specialist, for her twenty years of outstanding and dedicated service to the State of South Carolina and wish her much success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Amy Overstreet.

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