**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARGARET H. BARBER, DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FIVE DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Margaret H. Barber for her significant contributions to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and the welfare of the children of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, Director Barber earned a bachelor of arts degree in social work from Winthrop College, and later received her licensed baccalaureate social worker designation from the State Board of Social Work Examiners; and

Whereas, in 1968, Margaret Barber began her improbable rise to the directorship of DJJ by serving as a juvenile intake and probation counselor for the York County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, eventually advancing to become director of the York County DJJ and Upstate regional administrator of the department. She served as the department’s chief of staff from 2007 to 2011, and was appointed by Governor Nikki Haley to begin serving as the director of the DJJ in 2011; and

Whereas, her distinguished work has been widely recognized, and among her accolades she was awarded the prestigious Order of the Palmetto by Governor Nikki Haley, the state’s highest civilian honor; and

Whereas, Margaret and her beloved husband, Evan, are members of St. John’s United Methodist Church in Fort Mill, the church where they were married. Together they reared a fine son, Stowe, who with his treasured wife, Wendy, have blessed Margaret and Evan with two adored grandchildren, Lula Porter and Townes; and

Whereas, the Barbers plan to enjoy their retirement operating an event center and bed and breakfast establishment in Margaret’s childhood home, which they have moved to a lot behind their home and lovingly remodeled and expanded; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Margaret Barber has devoted to the Department of Juvenile Justice and generations of children in South Carolina, and wish her many years of enjoyment in her well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Margaret H. Barber, Director of the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, upon the occasion of her retirement after five decades of outstanding service to the children of South Carolina, and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Margaret H. Barber.

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