**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR MARY ANN GOLDMAN STROUP OF GREENWOOD FOR TWENTY‑FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A CRIME VICTIM/WITNESS ADVOCATE, CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT ADVOCATE, COMMUNITY SERVANT, AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR AND TO THANK HER FOR HER UNTIRING EFFORTS TO ENHANCE THE PROFESSION OF SERVICES FOR SOUTH CAROLINA’S VOICELESS VICTIMS.

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

Whereas, among such caring individuals, Mary Ann Stroup stands high in the respect and admiration of her fellow citizens for her service to the people of Greenwood County and beyond, especially children, vulnerable adults, and elderly crime victims; and

Whereas, born the daughter of Helen Williams Goldman and Ashley Dean Goldman, this lifelong resident of Greenwood County graduated from Ninety‑Six High School. In time, she met and married her beloved husband, Richard A. “Dick” Stroup, and she is the proud mother of four and grandmother of seven; and

Whereas, a woman who combines her gift for empathy with strength and knowledge, Mary Ann began her career in victim services as an administrative assistant to Sheriff Sam Riley of Greenwood County in 1992; and

Whereas, to increase her ability to serve crime victims, she became the director of victim services at the Greenwood County Sheriff’s Office and served there with distinction for eighteen years. During this time, she received many awards for service and developed outstanding procedures for serving crime victims at all levels “twenty‑four/seven.” At the same time, she mentored and supervised five staff members; and

Whereas, Mary Ann was instrumental in developing the Law Enforcement Victim Advocate Organization, a group of law‑enforcement‑based victim advocates for South Carolina. Presently, she serves on the governing board of the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network, as well as the oversight board of DSS for Greenwood, and she has been instrumental in developing protocols for service throughout the State. She also has mentored countless fledgling victim advocates; and

Whereas, she became the victim/witness advocate at the Eighth Circuit Solicitor’s Office in January 2013, where she has distinguished herself in service to her fellow man, with a focus on those less able to help themselves; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for the consistent commitment and excellence Mary Ann Stroup has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in wishing her well as she continues to serve. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Mary Ann Goldman Stroup of Greenwood for twenty‑four years of outstanding service as a crime victim/witness advocate, child and vulnerable adult advocate, community servant, and professional educator and thank her for her untiring efforts to enhance the profession of services for South Carolina’s voiceless victims.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mary Ann Goldman Stroup.

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