**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FRANCES K. BOUKNIGHT, DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION FOR LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO SALUTE HER FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF FORTY‑TWO YEARS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Frances K. Bouknight will retire in June 2016, after forty‑two years of outstanding service as an educator, most recently as director of accountability and director of adult education for Lexington County School District Three; and

Whereas, born and raised in Pomaria, Mrs. Bouknight received a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Newberry College in 1973, followed by master’s degrees in both mathematics and educational administration; and

Whereas, in 1974, she finished her student teaching, during which time she met and married her husband, David Bouknight, and began work as a geometry and trigonometry teacher at Batesburg‑Leesville High School. This marked the beginning of a career as an educator spent entirely in Lexington County School District Three; and

Whereas, over the years, Frances Bouknight transitioned from teaching into positions of increasingly higher responsibility, including department chair, instructional skills coordinator, director of instruction, director of adult education, and director of accountability; and

Whereas, this indefatigable lady also served as an adjunct professor at The Citadel and Newberry College, taught math at the Lexington Three Lifelong Learning Center, and taught Sunday School; and

Whereas, during her thirteen years in the classroom, she was known for the gift she so clearly possessed of making higher‑level mathematics comprehensible to everyone. Seeing her students, at whatever level, succeed in what may have been a difficult subject for them inspired this dedicated educator; and

Whereas, when Frances Bouknight took up her administrative duties at the district office, many of her admirers were regretful that the district was losing one of its great math teachers; and

Whereas, she and her husband are the proud parents of three children, Dave, Pam, and the late Walt Bouknight, and the delighted grandparents of Will, Carter, Morgan, and Charlie; and

Whereas, having been one of her students as a tenth grader during her student teaching and then being so fortunate as to have been taught by her again his senior year, Representative Ralph Kennedy, Jr., hopes that once Frances Bouknight retires she will be able to take part more often in activities she enjoys most. She looks forward to being with her family, volunteering at her church, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, and baking her delicious and intricately beautiful cakes; and

Whereas, the House, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Frances Bouknight has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in wishing her well as she enters retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Frances K. Bouknight, director of accountability and director of adult education for Lexington County School District Three, upon the occasion of her retirement, salute her for a distinguished career of forty‑two years in the field of education, 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 Frances K. Bouknight.

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