**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR PAMELA JEAN “PAM” ROBERTSON, A LEGISLATIVE AIDE FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FOR HER MORE THAN FORTY YEARS OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Pam Robertson has been employed by the General Assembly for more than forty years, including over fifteen years as a highly regarded legislative aide to the members of this chamber; and

Whereas, she first was employed by the South Carolina Senate in 1975, as a page for Lieutenant Governor W. Brantley Harvey, Jr., after which she worked as a Senate committee clerk and later for Senate Sergeant‑at‑Arms Harry M. Coker; and

Whereas, Pam Robertson continued working in the Senate for Senators Carroll A. Campbell, Jr.; Charles G. Garrett; Jeff R. Richardson; David S. Taylor; Charles R. Powell; James E. Bryan, Jr.; H. Samuel Stilwell; and Michael L. Fair, until she retired on January 1, 2001; and

Whereas, while working for the Senate, she always had a split office of one Democrat and one Republican and was one of the first females allowed to stay all night during a filibuster; and

Whereas, in January 2001, Pam Robertson began working for the South Carolina House of Representatives as a legislative aide for the Aiken County Delegation, which included Representatives J. Roland Smith; Robert S. “Skipper” Perry, Jr.; William “Bill” Clyburn; Don Smith; Jim Stewart; Tom R. Young, Jr.; Bill Taylor; William M. “Bill” Hixon; and Don Wells; and

Whereas, once during her tenure as an employee of the General Assembly, she became trapped in the old tunnel leading into the State House from the garage. A news photographer caught her on camera coming up the escape hatch and published the picture in the paper; and

Whereas, Pam Robertson is the daughter of the late Harold M. and Sarah S. Robertson of Walterboro. In 1974, before she was employed by the legislature, her father volunteered her, as a campaign contribution, to work for free for then Lieutenant Governor Earle E. Morris, Jr.; and

Whereas, she grew up duck hunting with her father, and she loves Edisto beach, kayaking, the outdoors, and being with her children and grandchildren; and

Whereas, Pam Robertson is the proud mother of two daughters, Paige Simensen and Ashlan Zemp, and the doting grandmother of Parker and Mackenzie Simensen; and

Whereas, in 2016, she was elected to the board of directors of the Bank of Walterboro; and

Whereas, the members are grateful for the more than forty years of unparalleled dedication that Pam Robertson has shown to the State as a legislative employee and look forward to her continued service in the years to come. 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, congratulate and honor Pamela Jean “Pam” Robertson, a legislative aide for the House of Representatives, for her more than forty years of meritorious service to the General Assembly.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Pamela Jean “Pam” Robertson.

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