**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR SHARON PAIR, OFFICE MANAGER FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER FORTY‑FIVE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, for forty‑five years, the State of South Carolina has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication and experience of Sharon Pair, who in 2018 will retire after a career of outstanding public service, the last thirty‑six years of which she has served as a staff member of the South Carolina Legislative Council, where she presently is office manager; and

Whereas, prior to taking up her duties at the South Carolina Legislative Council, Sharon served as a secretary in the Staff Development and Career Development departments for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health, as administrative assistant to Commissioner Frank E. Baldwin of the South Carolina Employment Security Commission, as administrative assistant to Chairman Parker Evatt of the Children’s Committee, and as administrative assistant to Senators Dewey Wise and Paul Cantrell. In 1982, she accepted a position with the Legislative Council, and since that time she also has successively served Council as training coordinator, administrative assistant to the deputy director, and now office manager. Over the years, Sharon has worked under four Legislative Council commissioners: Thomas S. Linton, Peden B. McLeod, Stephen T. Draffin, and James H. Harrison; and

Whereas, as office manager, Sharon stands ever ready to assist the members of the General Assembly, their staff, and her colleagues. She greets everyone with a warm smile, while at the same time dealing promptly and diplomatically with any situation at hand, and she does it all with her characteristic Southern grace. The high standards of integrity and proficiency she has set are hallmarks of her service to the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, while creating culinary delights is not, strictly speaking, on her list of official duties, Sharon is quite an accomplished cook and baker, and her colleagues, always eager to try her delicious dishes and baked goodies, are thankful she shares her recipes; and

Whereas, Sharon Pair has always found strength for her labors in the strong support of her family: her husband, David; her lovely daughters, Kimberly and Ashleigh; and her three adorable grandsons, Xan, Cash, and Noah; and

Whereas, after her retirement, Sharon plans to enjoy to the fullest extent her love of line dancing, playtime in her “she shed,” new projects, travel adventures, continued service to her church and community, and quality time with her family and friends; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Sharon Pair has bestowed on the people of South Carolina. Her many friends in this body take great pleasure in wishing her all the best as she enters retirement, and the members trust she will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate and honor Sharon Pair, office manager for the South Carolina Legislative Council, on the occasion of her retirement, extend deep appreciation for her forty‑five years of exemplary and devoted service to the State of South Carolina, and offer best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sharon Pair.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑