**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MRS. EVERETTE CURL, DIRECTOR OF THE PICKENS COUNTY LITERACY ASSOCIATION (PCLA), FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PICKENS COMMUNITY AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors individuals who dedicate their time and resources to the good of others. Mrs. Everette Curl of Pickens has contributed valuable service to this great State, particularly to the citizens of Pickens County, and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, in 1969, newspaper editor Ben Bagwell of the *Pickens Sentinel* formed the Pickens County Literacy Association. Mrs. Everette Curl, the *Sentinel*’s office manager, eventually was appointed PCLA director, and she has served in that capacity ever since; and

Whereas, the PCLA and its host of volunteer tutors have been teaching adults to read for nearly fifty years. Students are paired with a tutor who will work with them until they achieve their goals. In the early years, the students were often farmers or mill workers who had never finished school. These students have praised the PCLA for giving them what others take for granted: the ability to shop for groceries, write a check, or read their Bibles. Today, the PCLA also serves many students who do not read or write in English, offering them opportunities to help their children with homework, acquire a driver’s license, and even take citizenship tests; and

Whereas, Mrs. Curl organizes workshops for tutors and solicits fundraising donations and door prizes for the PCLA’s annual student‑teacher appreciation banquets. Although she retired from the newspaper business about 2008, she continues to connect to people for the PCLA, whether she is seeking new students or assistance with book sales; and

Whereas, as a nonprofit organization, the PCLA relies entirely on fundraising and donations. In 2005, responding to a suggestion from a good friend of the group, Mrs. Curl inaugurated a used‑book sale as a PCLA fundraiser. She quickly absorbed all the new challenges, and the PCLA’s popular book sales continue to bring in valuable funds; and

Whereas, in this and in many other ways, Mrs. Everette Curl has been an inspiration to all who have worked with the Pickens County Literacy Association. Her leadership and example have brought the organization to the high level of distinguished community service it has reached; and

Whereas, the success of the State of South Carolina and the strength of its communities depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Mrs. Everette Curl who use their talents and resources to serve others. 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 Mrs. Everette Curl, director of the Pickens County Literacy Association (PCLA), for her outstanding service to the Pickens community and wish her much happiness and success in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Everette Curl.

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