**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MRS. LILLIAN CARTER LAWTON OF ALLENDALE COUNTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HER AS A RECIPIENT OF THE RETIRED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Lillian Carter Lawton will be honored with the Retired Distinguished Service Award from the South Carolina Education Association (SCEA) at its Annual Convention to be held at the Brookland Baptist Church Convention Center in West Columbia on Wednesday, April 19, 2017; and

Whereas, as the winner at the state level in South Carolina, she is nominated for the Retired Distinguished Service Award from the National Education Association; and

Whereas, even though Mrs. Lawton is more than ninety years old, she has consistently maintained her membership in numerous professional, civic, and faith-based organizations and has distinguished herself as a highly valued leader in her community; and

Whereas, she has dedicated herself to the concepts of lifelong learning, service to her community, and service to God and humanity; and

Whereas, a role model for others of all generations, Mrs. Lawton is a wise educator, a woman of faith, and a standard bearer for integrity and civility; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pride in commending Lillian Lawton for her life of dedication and service as a faithful educator and as a steadfast citizen of the Palmetto State. 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. Lillian Carter Lawton of Allendale County and congratulate her as a recipient of the Retired Distinguished Service Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Lillian Carter Lawton.

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