**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JULIA WILLIAMS “JADA” GORE OF DARLINGTON COUNTY UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great state’s most important legacy, its children; and

Whereas, Hartsville’s Julia Williams “Jada” Gore, retiring after more than thirty fruitful years as a classroom teacher, stands among their number as an outstanding public benefactor, one much admired in her role as both educator and community leader; and

Whereas, now a seasoned educator, this servant leader began her career in 1974 as an eager first‑year teacher for Washington Street Elementary School in Hartsville. Since that time, she has taught several grades and special needs classes at numerous schools throughout Darlington County, including Thornwell Elementary School, North Hartsville Elementary School, and Southside Early Childhood Center; and

Whereas, while serving as an educator out of State for several years, she was named Teacher of the Year (1989‑1990). When she and her family moved back to Hartsville in 1992, she resumed teaching at Washington Street Elementary and again was named Teacher of the Year (2010‑2011). Having served nearly thirty years of her career with Darlington County Schools, Mrs. Gore is known to her students as a caring, selfless, and devoted teacher; and

Whereas, throughout her career, she has taught each student with love and respect, and her reward has been seeing her charges learn and grow. She has not hesitated to go beyond the call of duty to ensure their success; and

Whereas, on the home front, Jada and her husband of more than forty‑four years, Benny, raised a fine family of two children, daughter Bebe Gore Chapman (Jeff) and son Bennett (Ann‑Stanton). The senior Gores have been blessed with a granddaughter, Virginia Anne Chapman, and are anticipating the pleasure of greeting another grandchild in September; and

Whereas, away from the classroom, Jada Gore has been a member and past president of the Beta Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society for key women educators. Through this organization, she has volunteered with Carolina Kids, a nonprofit that ensures impoverished children don’t go hungry when away from school. As a woman of faith, she is also an active member of St. Luke United Methodist Church, where she serves on the Worship Committee, Nominations Committee, and Agape Circle and is co‑chair of United Methodist Women. Additionally, Mrs. Gore works closely with the Free Medical Clinic in Hartsville to provide staff members’ meals when they are working long hours; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Jada Gore has bestowed on this great State, the House is pleased to wish her well as she enters retirement and trusts she will find much pleasure in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Julia Williams “Jada” Gore of Darlington County upon the occasion of her retirement, commend her for more than thirty years of dedicated service as an educator, and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jada Gore.

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