**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KAREN ROSE LAROCHE, THE INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGER IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY‑SEVEN YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina should pause in its deliberations to express gratitude to Karen Rose LaRoche for her significant contributions to the members of this Chamber; and

Whereas, Ms. LaRoche plans to begin a well‑deserved retirement on July 1, 2017, after twenty‑seven years of dedicated service to the General Assembly, the last nineteen of which have been as the highly‑regarded and trustworthy information resources manager in the Office of the Clerk of the House; and

Whereas, the third of five children, she is the daughter of Hilda Rose and the late Harold Rose, and she earned a degree in marketing from William Rainey Harper College in Palatine, Illinois; and

Whereas, prior to her service with the General Assembly, Ms. LaRoche sold computers to businesses, one of her accounts being with LPITS, which led to a job offer from LPITS that she accepted and started in June of 1990; and

Whereas, since she began her service in the Clerk’s Office in June of 1998, she has worn many hats and is ever ready to assist members, their staff, and her colleagues in the Clerk’s Office; and

Whereas, when her mother recently moved to Camden from Florida, Karen took up golf once again so that they could enjoy it together. Her friends are often the recipients of her generosity. A talented florist, she often makes arrangements for her friend’s weddings and other events, and she writes lovely notes and cards, always expressing her sincere concern. She is a quintessential friend who goes above and beyond her duties to assist others; and

Whereas, her warm and quick sense of humor, exuberant laugh, and joyful disposition will be missed by members and staff alike, as well as hearing her say, “Play ball!” after the Pledge of Allegiance every day and sharing in her abundance of Altoids; and

Whereas, we hope that she will always look back in justifiable pride at the high standards of integrity and proficiency she set as hallmarks of her service to the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, she plans to spend many relaxing hours in her retirement at home in Camden with her dear husband, Tom, and her fine children: Judson Parrish, Liz Balazs, and Katherine LaRoche. She is ever grateful to her children for the legacy they have given her through her five adoring grandchildren: Tyler, Harper, Samantha, Isabel, and Braden; and

Whereas, all of the members are deeply grateful for the years of unparalleled service that Karen LaRoche has dedicated to the House of Representatives, expressing their appreciation for her service as she departs this Chamber for the last time as a public servant, and they wish her many years of enjoyment in her well‑earned retirement. 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, recognize and honor Karen Rose LaRoche, information resources manager in the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, upon the occasion of her retirement after twenty‑seven years of devoted public service, and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Karen Rose LaRoche.

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