**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE MR. LEROY HAMILTON WITH DEEP ADMIRATION AND APPRECIATION FOR HIS YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR IN GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS AND TO WISH HIM GOOD HEALTH, MUCH HAPPINESS, AND CONTINUED SUCCESS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Leroy Hamilton will begin a well‑deserved retirement after forty‑three years of distinguished service as a premier educator; and

Whereas, after more than four decades as a teacher, principal, and administrator, he will retire from Greenville County Schools on June 30, 2017, where he has positively influenced and invested in the lives of tens of thousands of young people, improving the quality of their lives and his community; and

Whereas, Mr. Hamilton earned a bachelor’s degree from Gardner‑Webb College in 1973 and a master’s degree from Furman University in 1983; and

Whereas, beginning an outstanding career as an educator with Greenville County Schools in January of 1974, he taught math at Mauldin High School’s night program; and

Whereas, throughout his career, Mr. Hamilton served in various positions that included social worker, administrative assistant, assistant principal, principal, executive director of middle school education, education construction liaison, assistant superintendent of schools, director of school administrative support, and deputy superintendent; and

Whereas, in each of these roles, he demonstrated professionalism, integrity, diligence, and compassion which earned him the respect and confidence of his colleagues, students, and community, and which also earned him the nickname of “Henry Kissinger” for his ability to work through the most difficult situations with grace and diplomacy; and

Whereas, while Mr. Hamilton will be remembered fondly by all those that had the pleasure to work with him, he will always be remembered by the Simpsonville community for his service as the principal of Hillcrest High School where he led his alma mater to improvement and excellence in all facets of school life; and

Whereas, his professional achievements are only eclipsed by his personal success, having married his high school sweetheart, the late Ann Farrow, with whom he happily raised three successful and loving daughters of whom he is justifiably proud; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Leroy Hamilton has devoted to education in the Palmetto State, and the members wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize Mr. Leroy Hamilton with deep admiration and appreciation for his years of outstanding service as an educator in Greenville County Schools and wish him good health, much happiness, and continued success on the occasion of his retirement from Greenville County Schools.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Leroy Hamilton.

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