**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR NORMA LYNN BROWN, A TEACHER IN SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE OF LEXINGTON AND RICHLAND COUNTIES, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY‑FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives has learned that Norma Lynn Brown will begin a well‑deserved retirement after thirty‑five years as an outstanding educator, the last of which have been as a distinguished teacher at Spring Hill High School, a magnet school of District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties; and

Whereas, the second of six children born to O’Neal and the late Bertha Lee Lynn, she was reared in a loving and hardworking entrepreneurial family with respect for God. She continues the exemplary legacy inspiring her nieces and nephews to aim for the stars; and

Whereas, Mrs. Brown wanted to expose others to the phenomenal career option of marketing and entrepreneurship, and she saw teaching as a perfect opportunity to do that; and

Whereas, beginning her career in education at District Five’s Irmo High School, she taught marketing, business law, introduction to business, and fashion merchandising; and

Whereas, when she transferred to Dutch Fork High School, Mrs. Brown was one of its first teachers, and she remained there for more than twenty years before accepting a teaching position at Spring Hill High School, a magnet school; and

Whereas, every year, she has taken her marketing students to competitions at DECA, Distributive Education Clubs of America, an international association of high school and college students and teachers of marketing, management, and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality, and marketing sales and service that seeks to prepare leaders and entrepreneurs for careers and education in those areas of business; and

Whereas, Mrs. Brown believes that every student is a winner, and her students have applied the principles she so skillfully has taught them to win DECA competitions at the state and national levels; and

Whereas, teaching life skills and ethical values as well, she has impacted thousands of students, helping them to develop self‑confidence and determination to strive for their goals. She has also inspired youth at church through Young Women of Excellence and VIBE Teen Church with spiritual guidance; and

Whereas, married to her beloved husband, Tyrone Brown, Mrs. Brown has received the blessing of her husband and her extended family who exemplify what praying can and will do, and their faithful prayers have enabled her to serve as an inspiring educator and in her many other roles with the same spirit of God; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Norma Brown has devoted to educating the youth of our State and celebrate her retirement with her family and friends at a gala in her honor on Friday, June 16, 2017. 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 Norma Lynn Brown, a teacher in School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties, upon the occasion of her retirement after thirty‑five years of outstanding 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 Norma Lynn Brown.

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