**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR VEJETHA H. JONES FOR HER COMMITMENT TO THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN OF THE PALMETTO STATE AND FOR THIRTY‑FOUR YEARS OF DEDICATION TO THIS SERVICE AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Vejetha H. Jones for her significant contributions to the children of this great State; and

Whereas, born and raised in Lexington County, Mrs. Jones graduated from Lexington Rosenwald High School. She received her bachelor’s degree from Benedict College and later achieved her master’s degree from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, she began her teaching legacy in Laurens County at Sanders High School in 1956. In 1959, she and her daughter moved to Columbia, at which time she was hired by Richland School District One as a permanent substitute teacher. She served in this capacity until 1962; and

Whereas, she was then hired to teach at Cayce Elementary School, later named Ida A. Bull Elementary, where she spent seven years until the school’s closing in 1968. While at Cayce Elementary, she worked under the tutelage of Mrs. Mazzie B. Bellinger. Mrs. Jones finished her teaching career at Claude A. Taylor Elementary School, from which she retired in 1990; and

Whereas, Mrs. Jones took great pride in her job as a teacher. She was aware of the impact she could have on the lives of the children she taught, knowing that she had the power to shape the future of her students. She was known for her personal saying, “If the child fails, you as the teacher have failed”; and

Whereas, a dedicated Christian, Mrs. Jones is a member of First Nazareth Baptist Church (FNBC), a member of the Sunshine Garden Ministry, and a former member of the FNBC sanctuary choir. She carries a piece of scripture close to her heart, Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”; and

Whereas, Mrs. Jones is the mother of one beloved daughter Clevette and one lovely stepdaughter Carrie. Furthermore, she is an avid reader and loves plants, especially her favorite African Violets. Mrs. Jones stays active in the world of education to this day as an affiliate of the Lexington County Education Association, South Carolina Education Association, and National Education Association; and

Whereas, this inspiring woman will be celebrating her eighty‑third birthday on March 4, 2017. The members of the South Carolina Senate wish Mrs. Jones many happy years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Vejetha H. Jones for her commitment to the education of the children of the Palmetto State and for thirty‑four years of dedication to this 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 Mrs. Vejetha H. Jones.

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