**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CYNTHIA PEURIFOY UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE POSITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR AFTER OVER FORTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN MULTIPLE CAPACITIES 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 House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Cynthia Peurifoy for her significant contributions to the environment; and

Whereas, after an exemplary career advocating for environmental justice and sustainable principles and practices, Cynthia Peurifoy retired on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, after over forty years of federal service. Early in her career as a Superfund Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC) Cynthia acquired firsthand experience reducing disparities in overburdened communities. During her tenure in Superfund, Cynthia worked tirelessly to ensure that vulnerable, environmentally burdened, and economically disadvantaged communities received equal environmental protection. The community engagement and capacity‑building skills she honed as a CIC proved to be invaluable to Cynthia throughout her career as she worked with diverse stakeholders to build equitable, healthy, and sustainable communities; and

Whereas, Cynthia has numerous career achievements, including the ReGenesis Project, which received national acclaim as a successful community‑driven redevelopment effort. The project leveraged grant funds of more than three hundred million dollars in public and private funding through partnerships with more than one hundred twenty organizations. The result was a myriad of reinvestment and development opportunities that continue to benefit residents and their industry neighbors. The ReGenesis Project is also the catalyst for the Collaborative Problem‑Solving Model, which can be used to identify and prioritize environmental and public health concerns, bring together various stakeholders, and develop and implement solutions to address identified concerns; and

Whereas, throughout her career, Cynthia has developed long‑standing relationships with communities, government officials, non‑profit organizations, and other stakeholders across the nation. These relationships were pivotal to fostering resolutions to what were often contentious environmental justice and human‑health related issues. Due to her experience, knowledge, and leadership, Cynthia consistently served on advisory groups and committees, tasked with implementing environmental justice and sustainability practices. Her contributions include the Community Leaders Institute, in conjunction with the Medical University of South Carolina; the EJ 2020 Action Agenda, EPA’s strategic plan for advancing environmental justice for 2016 through 2020; the Gulf Coast Hurricanes and Vulnerable Populations: Recommendations for Future Disaster Preparedness and Response Report; the State of South Carolina EJ Cooperative Agreement; and EPA’s National Environmental Justice Advisory Council 20‑Year Retrospective Report, to highlight a few; and

Whereas, as a testament to Cynthia’s commitment and contributions, she has received many awards and honors for both her professional and community service accomplishments; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Cynthia has devoted to the environment and the citizens of the State of South Carolina and the United States and 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 South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Cynthia Peurifoy upon the occasion of her retirement from the position of Environmental Justice Coordinator after over forty years of exemplary service to the federal government in multiple capacities 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 Cynthia Peurifoy.

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