**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MRS. DOROTHY BYRD FOR HER LIFETIME COMMITMENT TO SCULPTING THE LIVES OF YOUNG LADIES IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY THROUGH HER LEADERSHIP IN GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives deem it altogether fitting and appropriate to pause in their deliberations to applaud the efforts of Mrs. Dorothy Byrd as she has spent over half a century shaping the lives of young ladies in Spartanburg County; and

Whereas, Mrs. Dorothy Byrd, a retired school teacher from Spartanburg County School District 7, has spent nearly sixty years working with Girl Scouts and Troop 46. Four generations of women and girls have benefitted from knowing and being challenged by Mrs. Byrd; and

Whereas, her life is one of service, service to her family, her church, the students in her classroom and the Good News Club, and to her Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, Mrs. Byrd took girls who might never have left Spartanburg County on trips to Washington D.C., Disney World, Tennessee, and Atlanta. She and her girls sold cookies and oranges, along with other means of raising funds, and used the proceeds to expand their horizons and see things that might not have been otherwise possible; and

Whereas, a leader and a teacher, she is a tough disciplinarian. While the consequences for unwise decisions were immediate, a valuable life lesson was always learned, and Mrs. Byrd was unafraid to teach it; and

Whereas, she has been honored by the Girl Scouts for over fifty‑five years of service as a leader, an accomplishment not shared by many, but her greatest accomplishment is seen in the faces of the girls and women she has touched. She has helped generations of girls find the courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place; and

Whereas, the members of House of Representatives are grateful for Mrs. Byrd’s tireless efforts to enable women to empower themselves and wish her much success as she continues to strive toward this noble goal. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina, by this resolution, honor and commend Mrs. Dorothy Byrd for her lifetime commitment to sculpting the lives of young ladies in Spartanburg County through her leadership in Girl Scouts of America 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. Dorothy Byrd.

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