**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BEVERLY CROMER SMITH, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN THREE DECADES OF OUTSTANDING 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 South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Beverly “Weena” Cromer Smith for her significant contributions to the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, the daughter of James “Goose” and Faye Cromer, Beverly graduated from Irmo High School in 1978, and earned a bachelor’s degree in administrative management from Clemson University in 1982; and

Whereas, she began serving with the Budget and Control Board, Office of Human Resources, Center for Education, and Quality Assessment in October of 1987; and

Whereas, three years later, Beverly married her beloved husband, Mike Smith, and she is the proud mother of two fine children, Leigh Taylor and Matthew Smith; and

Whereas, she began serving with the Ways and Means Committee in January of 1996, and has served with a number of chairmen, including Henry Brown, Jr.; Robert Harrell, Jr.; Daniel Cooper; and Brian White; and

Whereas, before becoming the legislative director and later the director of state budgeting and finance of the Ways and Means Committee, Beverly staffed numerous legislative and budget subcommittees; and

Whereas, in 2005, Beverly made state history when named as the first female chief of staff of Ways and Means under then Chairman Daniel T. “Dan” Cooper, and she has served in that capacity for two committee chairmen in a job that has required countless hours during evenings and weekends for many years; and

Whereas, Beverly labored over numerous crucial pieces of legislation during her career, of which the most satisfying to her was her work on mental health parity legislation; and

Whereas, Beverly truly enjoyed the legislative budgeting process and generously shared her time and her legislative savvy communicating about the process with others; and

Whereas, Beverly takes with her a wealth of knowledge that will be hard to replace and those who have worked with her will continue to appreciate the orderliness she leaves behind and her wise refrains to “put first things first” and “begin with the end in mind”; and

Whereas, leaving her post as chief of staff, Beverly plans to spend many happy hours of quality time with her husband, taking trips on his Harley and cruising the seas with family and friends. She hopes to cherish more time with her family and her faithful dog, Millie; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Beverly Smith has devoted to this chamber, and the members 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 South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Beverly Cromer Smith, upon the occasion of her retirement after more than three decades 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 Beverly Cromer Smith.

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