**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DIANNE DOUGLAS THOMPSON UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CAMDEN AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Dianne Thompson for her many accomplishments in service to the City of Camden and the State; and

Whereas, Dianne Thompson was born on November 22, 1950 in Bennettsville, South Carolina, the oldest of six siblings. The daughter of Bennettsville’s city manager, she grew up understanding the importance of a commitment to the public. In high school, Dianne was known for her love of basketball and dance; and

Whereas, on September 15, 1975, Dianne began her career with the Camden Department of Motor Vehicles. She served as a front counter clerk, manager, and driver’s license business analyst; and

Whereas, some of her proudest accomplishments include becoming a certified commercial driver’s license examiner, training the agency’s new employees, overseeing business operations and assessment, and being a part of the team that assisted in the development of the latest Phoenix computer system and the current driver’s license issuance system; and

Whereas, in May of 2017, Dianne will begin her next career as baton twirler for the Camden Shag Club. An active community member in Camden, Dianne is an officer for the Camden-Lugoff Area Shag Society, a member of the Camden First Baptist Church, a Sunday school teacher for the fifth grade, and a supporter of the Kershaw County Free Medical Clinic and Food for the Soul; and

Whereas, Dianne has three children, Benjy, Gwen, and Becky; one daughter-in-law, Brandy; and six grandchildren, Brianna, Madison, Taylor, Emily, Michael, and Van. She often enjoys various sporting events with her grandchildren and is very active in dancing; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the enduring commitment that Dianne Douglas Thompson has shown in serving the State and the people of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Dianne Douglas Thompson upon the occasion of her retirement from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, commend her for her years of distinguished public service to the City of Camden and the State of South Carolina, and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dianne Douglas Thompson.

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