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**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR ADA HARPER JAMES ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, for more than twenty‑two years, the State of South Carolina has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and high standards of Ada Harper James, administrative assistant with the South Carolina Judicial Department, who is retiring soon after a career of outstanding service; and

Whereas, one of six children born to educators Robert and Lillian Martin Harper in Jenkinsville, the young Ada Harper graduated at age fifteen from Booker T. Washington High School in Columbia and continued her education at Allen University, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration at age nineteen and became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and

Whereas, Mrs. James began her government service with the South Carolina Office of Public Roads in the early 1960s and later joined the federal government’s Office of Small Business Administration as a paralegal. She retired from that office after over twenty years of service; and

Whereas, after only two days of retirement, Mrs. James returned to South Carolina government when she was asked to administer the chamber of newly appointed Circuit Judge L. Casey Manning, who has since become like a son to her. Her focus at her new post was to assist Judge Manning in serving the court with excellence; and

Whereas, this woman of faith is a member of White Hall African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jenkinsville and Bishops’ Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church in Columbia. She is actively serving as a class leader and board member at Bishops’ Memorial; and

Whereas, Mrs. James finds strong support in her family. She is the proud mother of three successful daughters who graduated from Vassar College and went on to earn postgraduate degrees in education at either Georgia Tech, George Washington University, MIT, or Harvard. The joyful grandmother of seven, she also enjoys her son‑in‑law, four sisters, and a sister‑in‑law; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Ada Harper James has bestowed on this great State, the members of the House take great pleasure in wishing her all the best as she enters retirement and trust she will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate and honor Ada Harper James on the occasion of her retirement, extend deep appreciation for her many years of outstanding service with the South Carolina Judicial Department, and offer best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ada Harper James.

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