**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR DR. DORIS MASSEY WORKS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, for many years, the people of South Carolina enjoyed the benefit of the commitment, experience, and leadership of Dr. Doris Massey Works, dedicated music teacher for Richland County School District One and the director of music for Haskell Heights First Baptist Church of Columbia, who is retiring in January 2020, after a distinguished career of outstanding service as an educator; and

Whereas, Dr. Works was born the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Massey of Greenville. She took a keen interest in music at a young age, which her parents and church family recognized and encouraged. As her talent manifested, she blossomed in the music ministry, playing for the Fifth Sunday ensemble at her family’s home church, St. Paul Baptist, and led over fifty members in the young adult choir at the age of fourteen; and

Whereas, a lifelong learner, Dr. Works spent many years in pursuit of higher education. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Benedict College, her Master of Education in Divergent Learning from Columbia College, and her Doctor of Education in Administration and Leadership from the Richard W. Riley College of Education at Walden University. She participated in a variety of groups and organizations, including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Music Educators Guild, and the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education; and

Whereas, music has always been a part of Dr. Works’ life journey. In her early college years, she sang with the Benedict College Concert Choir, before moving on to direct the acclaimed Benedict College Gospel Choir. While in the Columbia community, she worked in music ministry at the Central Baptist Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church, New Hope Baptist Church, and Gospel Music Workshop of America National Music Organization. During her senior year of college, she became the music director of Haskell Heights First Baptist Church and gained a presence in the local Christian community as a gospel radio announcer on WOIC and WTGH radio stations. She explored music outside of South Carolina as well, spending a few years in New York City, during which she served as music director for Walker Memorial Baptist Church in the Bronx; and

Whereas, after spending a few years in New York, Dr. Works returned to South Carolina, married her sweetheart Marcus L. Works and once again joined him in music ministry at Haskell Heights First Baptist Church. The couple has experienced the hardships and joys of thirty years of marriage, and have one son, James‑Alden Leon Works; and

Whereas, to recognize Dr. Doris Massey Works for her many years of service to her community and in music ministry, a celebration will be hosted in her honor on Sunday, January 26, 2020, at Haskell Heights First Baptist Church; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and leadership Dr. Doris Massey Works has bestowed on this great State, its people 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 Senate:

That, the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor Dr. Doris Massey Works on the occasion of her recent retirement, extend deep appreciation for her many years of distinguished service as an educator, and offer best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Doris Massey Works.

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