**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. ROSE WILDER, SUPERINTENDENT OF WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND TO COMMEND HER PASSION FOR DOING WHAT IS BEST FOR EACH STUDENT AND FOR IMPACTING POSITIVE CHANGE WHEREVER SHE HAS SERVED.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that the members of the South Carolina Senate should pause in their deliberations to commend Dr. Rose Wilder for her significant contribution to the future of the Palmetto State in her career as an outstanding educator; and

Whereas, one of seven siblings, Dr. Wilder is the daughter of the late Laco Davis and Ruby Mae Davis and was reared in Santee; and

Whereas, she began her successful career in education as a teacher for eight years before becoming a school administrator, then served three years as an assistant principal, three years as a principal, one year as a curriculum facilitator, and one year as an assistant superintendent for instruction; and

Whereas, with her historic appointment as superintendent in Clarendon School District Two in Manning in 1994, Dr. Wilder became the first Black female superintendent in the State of South Carolina since Reconstruction; and

Whereas, she was the first Black superintendent in Clarendon Two and the first Black female superintendent to serve in Clarendon One in Summerton and Fairfield County School District in Winnsboro on a non‑interim basis; and

Whereas, among her numerous awards for recognition as an exceptionally dedicated educator, Dr. Wilder was named Outstanding Superintendent in 1999 by the South Carolina School Boards Association; and

Whereas, a 1994 graduate of Leadership South Carolina, she was selected by Dr. Jim Rex, former state superintendent of education, to serve on his transition team when he was elected in 2006; and

Whereas, Dr. Wilder is a 2009 graduate of the Riley Leadership Diversity Institute at Furman University, a program for leaders and decision makers who have the capacity to effect positive change; and

Whereas, on April 11, 2018, State Superintendent Molly Spearman, appointed Dr. Wilder as state‑designee superintendent of Williamsburg County School District, and she is now in her twenty‑fifth year serving as a district superintendent of education; and

Whereas, for the 2013‑2014 school year, Dr. Wilder was named Superintendent of the Year for the State of South Carolina while at the same time she was also president of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators, which had some three thousand six hundred members; and

Whereas, together she and her beloved husband, Dr. James C. Wilder, have shared three fine children: the late Warren Lamont Wilder, Sharron H. Horace, and Michelle Wilder Bedford. Their children have blessed them with the affection of two grandchildren, Jaleah Wilder and Blake McKinley Horace; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is deeply grateful to devoted educators such as Rose Wilder who serve the Palmetto State in order to prepare future generations for leadership and competition in the world before them. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. Rose Wilder, Superintendent of Williamsburg County School District, and commend her passion for doing what is best for each student and for impacting positive change wherever she has served.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Rose Wilder.

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