**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ANNE JAGGER JOHNSTON, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF ST. GEORGE, WHO, HAVING SERVED THE PUBLIC WITH DISTINCTION FOR THIRTEEN YEARS, IS WORTHY OF DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE.

Whereas, for thirteen years, the Town of St. George enjoyed the benefit of the dedication and experience of Mayor Anne Jagger Johnston; and

Whereas, Ms. Johnston, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, was raised in Opelika, Alabama, where she graduated from Clift High School in 1948. She went on to Converse College, where she studied from 1948 through 1950; then to Auburn University, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Education in 1952; and finally to the University of South Carolina, where she received her Master of Education in 1983; and

Whereas, following receipt of her bachelor’s degree, Ms. Johnston began her career educating others. During her many years as an educator, she served as a teacher at Schneider School in Columbia and as a teacher and headmaster of Episcopal Day School of the Church of the Good Shepherd. She was also a participant in a research program for the Medical College of Georgia and was a teacher at St. George Elementary School; and

Whereas, in 2007, Anne was elected as the mayor of the Town of St. George, defeating opponents Kenny Pendarvis and Charles Frazier. As mayor, she displayed her unique talents and leadership when she led such endeavors as the purchase and restoration of the historic St. George Rosenwald School, the restoration of abandoned Bryant Park in the St. George Sports Complex, the annexation of multiple business facilities and a private residence, and the necessary and important act of grant writing for the Town of St. George; and

Whereas, Ms. Johnston’s service to the Town of St. George as Mayor is complimented by her acts of leadership and willingness to give of her time to other organizations. She has served on the board of directors for Dorchester Seniors Incorporated; Dorchester County Economic Development; Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Council of Government; Loving Hearts Respite Center; Santee Cooper Lake Marion Water Authority; and the St. George Cemetery; and

Whereas, she has also served on the community advisory board of Summerville Medical Center; the building committee for the restoration of the historic Klauber Building; the vice president of the board of directors, chief operating officer, the chairman of the program committee, and director of several productions for The Lourie Theatre; and

Whereas, continuing to give of her time and expertise, Ms. Johnston now serves as a coordinator of special projects for the Town of St. George; and

Whereas, in recognition of her efforts, Ms. Johnston was honored by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History through the 2017 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards with the presentation of the Elected Official Honor award by Governor Henry McMaster. She has also been honored by Converse College as one of the Converse 100 in 1989 and was named the Converse Outstanding Alumnae of the Year in 2007; and

Whereas, the Senate, appreciative of the dedication and leadership Mayor Johnston bestowed on this great State, most particularly on the people of St. George, takes great pleasure in wishing her all the best as she continues to serve the Town of St. George. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Anne Jagger Johnston, mayor of the Town of St. George, who, having served the public with distinction for thirteen years, is worthy of deep appreciation for her years of committed service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Anne Jagger Johnston.

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