**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ETHEL LOUISE BREWER AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened by the passing of the Honorable Ethel Louise Brewer on September 9, 2020, at the age of seventy; and

Whereas, born on February 19, 1950, this former professor and college administrator accumulated a solid record of achievement over twenty‑five years in higher education. In preparation for her career, she earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, and a master’s degree in education at Hunter College in New York City; and

Whereas, Ethel Louise Brewer was appointed in 2012 by South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley to serve as a Summary Court judge in Richland County. Judge Brewer presided over the county’s Bond Court at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. After eight years of dedicated service, she announced her retirement, effective August 1, 2020; and

Whereas, in previous years, Judge Brewer received tenure at the rank of assistant professor from the University of New York at Hudson Valley, where she developed and taught reading comprehension and developmental writing classes, including critical reading and business English, for high school, undergraduate, and adult students; and

Whereas, at Union College, she served as director of a high school and a collegiate science technology entry program designed to prepare and provide support services for first‑generation and low‑income students interested in science, health, and technological career fields. Later appointed as the college’s director of academic support service programs for undergraduate students, she held this position from 1989 to 1996. She continued in a similar but expanded administrative role at Ithaca College, including the development and management of a $1.2 million operating budget. She held this position from 1996 to 1999. At Benedict College in Columbia, she served as a research assistant in the Office of Community Development and as chief of staff in the Office of Institutional Advancement; and

Whereas, further, Judge Brewer opened an event‑planning business, DMA Special Event Planning, in 2011. The introductory event was held in collaboration with local barbers for a back‑to‑school program in which sixty middle school boys received haircuts and school supplies. DMA Special Event Planning was a tribute to Judge Brewer’s mother, Mrs. Dorothy A. Brewer; and

Whereas, in addition, she formerly served as senior desk editor for *How We Live Magazine* before embarking on her copy editing business, LCB Enterprise, in 2010. LCB Enterprise was dedicated in memory of her father, the late Reverend Louis C. Brewer; and

Whereas, as a copy editor, she researched and wrote a 17,000‑copy newsletter distributed to residents in South Carolina Senate District 19 in 2010 and a second newsletter to constituents in 2011. She also served as writer for a variety of other documents before her appointment as a judge; and

Whereas, Judge Brewer has left an indelible mark on our state’s judicial system, and her legacy will live on. She was often described as “a quiet storm with a kind heart”, and the people of South Carolina were made better by her influence and will greatly miss her impactful presence. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express profound sorrow upon the passing of the Honorable Ethel Louise Brewer and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family.

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