**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SHIRLEY M. BLACK, ACCOUNTING MANAGER FOR THE ACCOUNTING AND BENEFITS DEPARTMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO THANK HER FOR MORE THAN FORTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for over four decades, Shirley M. Black carried out her duties as a South Carolina state government staff member with integrity and excellence, most recently as accounting manager for the Accounting and Benefits Department of the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, a resident of Columbia, Shirley began work with the State of South Carolina on January 5, 1978. In June 1988, she became accounting manager for the Accounting and Benefits Department of the House of Representatives, serving over the years under six Speakers and four Clerks. She brought her career to a conclusion on November 16, 2018, and commenced what her colleagues, friends, and family have no doubt will prove a fruitful retirement; and

Whereas, Shirley’s colleagues will miss her friendliness, along with her compassion for others and the way she promoted harmony in the office. They also will miss her occasional streak of mischief, which manifested itself in humorous leg‑pulls that lifted everyone’s spirits. Witness the April Fool’s Day that found Shirley and other co‑workers convincing another co‑worker that she had won a pink Cadillac. They even had flowers delivered to her and a security officer (with a radio announcer’s voice) telling her about the car; and

Whereas, figuring that Shirley could handle it, her colleagues decided to try out a little practical joke on her, once again on April Fool’s Day: They all called in sick on a session day that was also a payday; and

Whereas, as a woman of faith, Shirley is an active member of First Baptist Church of Lexington. In her family circle, she takes pleasure in the company of her husband, Olin Black, and their children, Greg Edwards, Lisa Rivers, Cheryl Freeman, Tony Black, and Michelle Wadford. Their daughter Kathy Hatfield, now deceased, is a sweet memory; and

Whereas, during Shirley’s well‑earned retirement, she looks forward to more frequent indulgence in spending time with family, reading, traveling, and camping at Ocean Lakes in the family RV; and

Whereas, grateful for her many years of distinguished service to the people of South Carolina, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Shirley as she transitions to retirement. The members trust she will find an abundance of 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, recognize and honor Shirley M. Black, accounting manager for the Accounting and Benefits Department of the House of Representatives, on the occasion of her retirement, thank her for more than forty years of outstanding and dedicated service to the State of South Carolina, and wish her much success and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Shirley M. Black.

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