**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MINNIE NEWMAN OF BERKELEY COUNTY FOR HER DEDICATED AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF HANAHAN AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives recognizes those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great state’s citizenry. Having spent her life working to enhance the lives of others, Minnie Newman of Hanahan exemplifies such South Carolinians; and

Whereas, Mayor Minnie graduated from South Stokes High School in 1972. She continued her education at Charleston Southern University, earning both a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in education, and later earning her doctorate in Child and Youth Studies from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and

Whereas, a strong believer in empowerment through education, Mayor Minnie has dedicated herself to expanding the minds of her students for over twenty years. She held teaching positions at the elementary, middle, and high school levels in Berkeley and Dorchester Counties and worked as an adjunct professor at the Citadel, College of Charleston, Charleston Southern University, and Southern Illinois University at the Charleston Air Force Base; and

Whereas, Mayor Minnie has received a number of honors and awards for her service as an educator, including Hanahan High School’s Student Council Teacher of the Year in 1996 and 1999, Director of the Year in 2006, two Barbara H. James awards for outstanding contributions to Career and Technology Education and Tech Prep, Dorchester County School District Two’s Honor Teacher of the Year in 2009, and Alston Middle School’s Teacher of the Year that same year; and

Whereas, with a strong desire to better her community and to help it thrive and grow, Mayor Minnie decided to run for Hanahan’s City Council. She was elected in October 1995 and served for seven years. In November 2002, she was elected Mayor of the City of Hanahan in Berkeley County and served in that capacity until December 2018; and

Whereas, during her time as Mayor, Ms. Newman fought to get Hanahan it’s own zip code, oversaw construction projects that included City Hall, the Senior Center and adjacent gymnasium, Fire Station Three, and the City Amphitheater. She led the fight against the Berkeley County School District to build Bowen’s Corner Elementary School on Williams Lane and got the district to promise to send all Hanahan children to the city’s schools; and

Whereas, Mayor Minnie was known for being the city’s biggest cheerleader. At her last meeting as Mayor, she handed out baseball caps proclaiming, “Hanahan - The Capital of Charleston” in the high school’s colors of orange and blue.

Whereas, with a strong commitment to excellence in her chosen profession and in her community, Mayor Minnie was a member of numerous organizations and committees; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Mayor Minnie, take great pleasure in saluting her, and wishing her all the best in the days to come. 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 Minnie Newman of Berkeley County for her dedicated and outstanding service to the City of Hanahan and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Minnie Newman.

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