**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WILLIAM LEROY GILLIARD, JR., OF CHARLESTON FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CHARLESTON AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE IN THE YEARS 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 his life working to enhance the lives of others, William LeRoy Gilliard, Jr., of Charleston exemplifies such South Carolinians; and

Whereas, this native of Charleston attended elementary and high school in the Charleston area. After graduating from Rivers High School, he attended college at the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C. Roy and his lovely wife, the former Sylvia Harleston of Charleston, are the proud parents of three children; and

Whereas, because he believes strongly in active participation in his community, Roy has always been involved in many community organizations. His convictions have led him to serve as a member of various boards, including the President’s Council on Youth Fitness, Communities in Schools, America’s Promise, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, United Negro College Fund, Trident Technical College Culinary Arts, and Economic Development Committee (co‑chair with Mayor Joe Riley). In addition, he serves as chairman of both the St. Matthew Baptist Church Education and Achievement Committee and the church’s trustee board; president of Neighborhoods Energized to Win of the Community Foundation; corporate chairman for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and board member, past vice president, and elder of the Charleston Youth Leadership Council (Beaux Affair); and

Whereas, Roy, who has been featured in the *Post and Courier*’s “High Profile,” is also an actor and has performed in numerous plays and movies with Art Forms & Theatre Concepts, Inc. Additionally, he has performed at Footlight Playhouse and Dock Street Theatre in the Charleston area; and

Whereas, one of his greatest joys is working to help in the development of young men with Beaux Affair. Roy has served as a mentor and counselor for young men for more than fifteen years; and

Whereas, he strives to live by the motto of the great poet Maya Angelou, “When you learn, teach. When you get, give”; and

Whereas, the members of the House 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 Roy Gilliard who use their talents and resources to serve others. 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 William LeRoy Gilliard, Jr., of Charleston for his many years of dedicated community service to the people of Charleston and extend best wishes as he continues to serve in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to William LeRoy Gilliard, Jr.

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