**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE PAULINE BROWN OF BARNWELL FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS AS A POET AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON HER LATEST PUBLICATION, *A TOUCH OF HEAVEN‑‑IF ONLY YOU BELIEVE*.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that poet Pauline Brown of Barnwell recently published her latest book, *A Touch of Heaven‑‑If Only You Believe*; and

Whereas, born January 14, 1950, in Aiken County, Pauline was reared in Barnwell with her two sisters, Carrie Mae Williams and Carolyn Anderson, and a brother, Bobby Lee Bush. Pauline is the proud mother of four children, Paul Brown, Elder Paul Brown III, Patricia Brown Bamberg, and Gabriel Brown; and a godson, Elder Ronald Donaldson of St. Petersburg, Florida; and

Whereas, in 1968, she began writing love letters to her husband, who was serving in Vietnam, and she has been writing steadily ever since. She has more than five hundred pen pals and has composed over five hundred poems; and

Whereas, even after Pauline and her husband parted ways, she kept writing. In addition to *A Touch of Heaven*, her books include *Lord Can I*, *Sister Gossip Gets Married*, *The Man Who Lived in the Ditch*, *God Left Me Alone to See*, *Many Years Ago*, *The Woman Who Lived Between the Walls*, and *The Walls I Had to Escape to Find Myself*; and

Whereas, a recipient of the Famous Poets Master Diploma, Pauline Brown also won the 2005 International Library of Poetry Editor’s Choice Award for her poem “Have You Ever.” Her other honors are numerous and include the Distinguished Poet plaque from the International Society of Poets; and

Whereas, this South Carolina poet and storyteller writes to communicate her compassion for people, her respect for the past, her concern for the future, and her reverence for God. She gives God the glory for everything, especially for making her a strong‑minded and self‑sufficient woman; and

Whereas, appreciative of her artistry, the House takes great pleasure in saluting Pauline Brown on her latest accomplishment. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate Pauline Brown of Barnwell for her achievements as a poet and congratulate her on her latest publication, *A Touch of Heaven‑‑If Only You Believe*.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Pauline Brown.

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