**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR LOCAL HERO BERNADINE REED FOR HER COURAGE AND MINDFULNESS IN THE FACE OF A HARROWING SITUATION AND TO OFFER HER A HEARTY OVATION FOR PERFORMING HER DUTIES TO EXEMPLARY STANDARDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives deem it absolutely fitting and proper to pause in their deliberations to thank Bernadine Reed for her expeditious thinking and action which prevented tragedy from striking on an ordinary morning in January; and

Whereas, on January 22, 2019, a bus carrying forty elementary school children was struck from behind while stopped at a railroad crossing. The vehicle which collided with the school bus caught fire, quickly spreading to the bus; and

Whereas, Bernadine Reed, who had been driving for the Darlington County school district for only forty‑five days, jumped into action as soon as she realized the danger of the situation; and

Whereas, quickly, she opened the bus door and ushered the forty children out and into a nearby field, where they safely stood and watched the fire rage; and

Whereas, Bernadine’s swift action prevented any injuries, securing the safety of all the children and herself; and

Whereas, Bernadine, a mother herself, said she was just doing the job she loved. However, it is everyday heroism like this that deserves to be lauded and recognized; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives express their heartfelt gratitude for Bernadine’s bravery. She was able to take an unfortunate situation and prevent any tragedy from occurring. The safety of our children is of the utmost importance and the parents of Darlington County can rest assured that with Bernadine behind the wheel, their children are in safe hands. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives honor local hero Bernadine Reed for her courage and mindfulness in the face of a harrowing situation and offer her a hearty ovation for performing her duties to exemplary standards.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bernadine Reed.

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