**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAROLINE CALDWELL DELLENEY, AFTER MORE THAN TEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PALMETTO STATE, BOTH IN THE NATION’S CAPITAL AND IN COLUMBIA, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Caroline Delleney for her significant contributions to our State; and

Whereas, while completing a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of South Carolina in May 2008, she served as the office manager for the Joe Wilson for Congress campaign from March 2008 to August 2008 in Columbia, where she maintained Congressman Wilson’s campaign calendar, completed day‑to‑day office activities, recorded all financial contributions, and organized volunteer efforts; and

Whereas, from August 2008 through 2014, Ms. Delleney served in Congressman Wilson’s Washington Congressional office, first as his executive assistant, directing and briefing him on his schedule, supervising office staff, managing payroll records, and acting as a liaison between other Congressional offices. For most of her time in that office, she served as communications director, writing speeches, press releases, and daily news clips and creating and implementing a press plan that outlined an annual legislative agenda to meet the Congressman’s needs; and

Whereas, in January 2015, Ms. Delleney returned to South Carolina to serve as the communications director for Speaker Lucas. Her expertise in executing a press plan to prioritize the Speaker’s policy positions and to develop and implement crisis communications management during statewide national disasters and during important political matters has served this body and the State with distinction. She drafted issue‑specific speeches of key import and maintained a good rapport with the local and statewide press; and

Whereas, promoted in 2017 to the Speaker’s Deputy Chief of Staff, Ms. Delleney engaged in major public policy decision making with all House committee chairmen and with the Speaker’s Chief of Staff; working with caucus staff and leaders of both parties to build consensus among members on key issues; and encouraging the business community, economic development organizations, and companies to support priority legislative initiatives; and

Whereas, Ms. Delleney has taken her considerable talents to the South Carolina office of Mercury, a leading, global, bipartisan public strategy firm; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Caroline Delleney devoted to this chamber, and the members wish this daughter of our trusted friend and former colleague, the Honorable Greg Delleney, lasting achievements in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Caroline Caldwell Delleney, after more than ten years of outstanding service to the Palmetto State, both in the nation’s capital and in Columbia, and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Caroline Caldwell Delleney.

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