**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THERESA FRANKLIN OF GREENVILLE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives honor those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great State’s most important legacy, its children; and

Whereas, Theresa Franklin, teacher at Woodland Elementary School in Greer, is retiring as an exceptionally dedicated and talented teacher in Greenville County and certainly stands among their number as an outstanding educator, one much admired in her roles as teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend; and

Whereas, a native of Greenville, Theresa is the daughter of Charles Gentry, Jr., and May Gentry. In preparation for her life’s work, Theresa attended Clemson University where she earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees; and

Whereas, Theresa Franklin has served as a gifted and inspiring educator at several schools in Greenville County over the past forty years, beginning at Oakview Elementary in Simpsonville, where she distinguished herself as a leader among her peers and a tireless advocate for students. Moving on to serve at her present school, Woodland Elementary, Theresa came to be loved by colleagues and families alike. She served with distinction and proved to be a leader in her field for many years at the school; and

Whereas, a devoted wife and mother, Theresa shares a loving marriage with her sweetheart, David Franklin, and together they adore their two children, Brad and Leslie, and their sweet dog, Savannah. David has provided tireless support to Theresa in the classroom throughout her tenure; and

Whereas, Theresa mentored countless young students, shaping them into thriving pupils, and knew and loved all the students who passed through the halls of her school. Leading by example, she provided faculty, staff, and students alike a treasured role model whose sterling character and values rendered lessons that cannot be measured on standardized tests and will be remembered throughout their lives; and

Whereas, it is indeed the honor of the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives to laud Theresa Franklin for her many contributions and accomplishments in a career well spent. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatitves, by this resolution, congratulate Theresa Franklin of Greenville County on the occasion of her retirement, commend her for her years of dedicated service to the children of South Carolina as an educator, 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 Mrs. Theresa Franklin.

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