**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FRANCES CUNNINGHAM DAVENPORT FOR HER COMMITMENT TO THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN OF THE PALMETTO STATE, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, 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 Francis Davenport for her significant contributions to the children of this great State; and

Whereas, born in Clinton, she is the daughter of the late Edwin Thompson Cunningham and Madeline Lowman Cunningham McKittrick; and

Whereas, upon completion of high school, Frances went on to further her education at Winthrop College where, in 1959, she earned a bachelor’s degree in education. After graduation, she accepted a yearlong teaching position in Liberty, before relocating to El Paso, Texas where she substitute taught for two years. Upon her return to South Carolina, Frances was hired as a classroom teacher in Joanna; and

Whereas, after taking time to raise her children, Mrs. Cunningham returned to the classroom when she accepted a position teaching social studies and U.S. history at the Thornwell Home for Children. In 1984, she joined the staff of Clinton High School where she taught until she retired in 2002; and

Whereas, even after retirement, Frances remained involved in her community. She served as an arbitrator for the Greenwood County Solicitor’s office where she handled over 500 cases. Mrs. Davenport also served on numerous boards at Winthrop University before serving on their board of trustees for 6 years; and

Whereas, together she and her beloved husband, Thomas Everett Davenport, reared three fine sons, Tom, Todd, and Jeff. Their children have also blessed them with the affection of seven grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the faithful example and outstanding devotion of Frances Davenport to the young people of our great State. 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 Frances Cunningham Davenport for her commitment to the education of the children of the Palmetto State, commend her for her many years of dedicated service, 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. Frances Cunningham Davenport.

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