**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLACE APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF BLUFF ROAD AND FRAZIER STREET IN RICHLAND COUNTY CONTAINING THE WORDS “IN MEMORY OF MRS. ROXANA FRAZIER COMMUNITY ORGANIZER (1898‑1978)”.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the South Carolina Senate should pause in its deliberation to commend the selfless work of Roxana Frazier in securing early childhood education for the youth of Arthurtown that would enable them to become industrious and productive citizens; and

Whereas, born in 1898, Roxana Frazier was the epitome of the Good Samaritan, whose concern about poverty, both physical and spiritual, motivated her to action; and

Whereas, her efforts to fight poverty and help her community, especially the young, encouraged her to seek the aid of Civil Rights leaders and even the President of the United States; and

Whereas, because of Mrs. Frazier’s hard work, Arthurtown became the site of the first daycare center founded in the United States under the operation of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO); and

Whereas, because of her faith and love for children and because she believed in the dignity of human beings, the project became a reality, giving children of Arthurtown and surrounding communities an opportunity to gain a better educational background with which to enter schools so they could make contributions as effective citizens in a modern democratic society; and

Whereas, over the years, Mrs. Frazier became a familiar sight on the streets of Arthurtown where the young called her “Gramps,” and she was accorded the love and respect which accompany that title. Whether she traveled within Arthurtown or to Little Camden, Washington, D. C., or any other place, her message was always one of reverence for God, for human dignity, and for self respect; and

Whereas, her lifelong vision, an educational building to serve Arthurtown and the surrounding communities, was a dream conceived in her heart and implanted in the hearts of others before it grew to life; and

Whereas, a longtime and devoted member of Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, Mrs. Frazier did not live to see her dream become a reality, but after she passed in 1978, the Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church Educational Building was dedicated in honor of her, whose courage and dedication had inspired so many and whose labors often fed, housed, and employed them. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, request the Department of Transportation place appropriate markers or signs at the intersection of Bluff Road and Frazier Street in Richland County containing the words “In Memory of Mrs. Roxana Frazier Community Organizer (1898‑1978)”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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