**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BONNIE PITTMAN OF GREENVILLE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are delighted to learn that Bonnie Pittman of Greenville County will celebrate her seventieth birthday on November 8, 2020; and

Whereas, a baby boomer born at the beginning of the second half of the twentieth century, she has witnessed the remarkable industrial successes that followed World War II, along with the ensuing technological advancements and international events that have spanned the globe from that time through the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, born on November 8, 1950, the young Bonnie enjoyed a hall‑of‑fame high school career as head majorette, Miss Berea High School, a student council officer, and an academically acclaimed scholar; and

Whereas, in high school, she was the best tennis player on the boys’ tennis team. Since there was no girls’ team at the time, she was allowed to practice with the boys, but regulations did not allow her to compete with the team because she was a girl. Her coach lobbied for her, his best player, to play, but he was unsuccessful. In that sense, she was an early pioneer for the need for Title IX; and

Whereas, in the process of earning two bachelor’s degrees and a master’s degree, Bonnie Pittman attended five different colleges, and she began a career in physical therapy; and

Whereas, following her marriage and the birth of two children, she retired from practicing physical therapy to be at home with her family and by all accounts was Mother of the Year on several fronts; and

Whereas, in addition to serving as PTA president, Bonnie Pittman coached the girls’ tennis team at Mauldin High School for fifteen years. She also was the first female coach to win a little league baseball district championship in southern California, has made several appearances in tennis competitions, and has earned two tennis team state championships in California and South Carolina; and

Whereas, always loyal and devoted to her loved ones, she is the matriarch of her family, including her extended relatives, assuming the authority, responsibility, and guidance of her husband, children, grandchildren, brother, and sister; and

Whereas, even though her husband and two sons were accomplished athletes in their day, Bonnie is the only one still competing and is, therefore, widely known as the “Pittman family jock”; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her seventieth birthday and join with her family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this momentous milestone. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Bonnie Pittman of Greenville County on the occasion of her seventieth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Bonnie Pittman.

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