**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ELIZABETH DICKERSON BRANHAM ON HER NEW ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION AND TO COMMEND HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS OF THIS STATE AND NATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize ElizaBeth Dickerson Branham upon her installation as president of the National School Boards Association in March 2019; and

Whereas, Ms. Branham is an alumna of Boston University, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in English, and the University of South Carolina School of Law, where she earned a juris doctor; and

Whereas, with an accomplished career, Ms. Branham was formerly an English teacher, and she now serves as an attorney at Beth Branham Law in West Columbia; and

Whereas, in her new role with the National School Boards Association, Ms. Branham will be the seventy-second president of the organization and its first president from South Carolina. During her term, she will represent the National School Boards Association’s over ninety thousand school board members that govern 13,809 school districts and fifty million public school students; and

Whereas, an active leader in her community, Ms. Branham has served with the Lexington County School District Two School Board; South Carolina School Boards Association, as president; South Carolina School Boards Association Board of Directors; West Metro Chamber of Commerce; Airport High School Education Foundation’s governing board; and Brookland‑Cayce High School Education Foundation; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, she is a member of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church; and

Whereas, Ms. Branham is married to her husband, Keith, and together, they have four children; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the dedication and commitment that ElizaBeth Dickerson Branham has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina and look forward to hearing of her further accomplishments on this national stage. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate ElizaBeth Dickerson Branham on her new role as president of the National School Boards Association and commend her for her many years of dedicated service to the students of this State and nation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to ElizaBeth Dickerson Branham.

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