**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXTEND GRATEFUL THANKS TO JANICE MARIE NEGUS OF KERSHAW COUNTY FOR HER MORE THAN FOUR THOUSAND HOURS OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEER SERVICE WITH THE COLUMBIA VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OFFICE OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Janice Marie Negus of Kershaw County has served 4,106 hours as a volunteer with the Columbia VA Health Care System Office of Voluntary Service, her longtime ministrations having begun in December 2004; and

Whereas, a resident of Elgin, Janice holds the position of Office of Voluntary Service VAVS Committee representative. Known as a “people’s person,” she is always available when Voluntary Service needs someone to fill in, get things done, or coordinate an event. She always displays a compassionate heart for veterans and makes time for them; and

Whereas, a veteran herself, Janice attends the quarterly VAVS meetings and represents the VFW and several additional organizations. Her visits around the hospital have enabled her to make remarkable suggestions for improving services provided to veterans. Janice is a very professional veteran advocate and continually makes rounds to offer her assistance wherever needed. She has helped with events such as voter registration; Veteran Stand‑Downs; packaging, sorting, and delivery of Christmas gifts to the veterans; and she has coordinated special events to ensure donations were provided to Voluntary Service to help fulfill the needs of veterans; and

Whereas, Janice volunteers at Dorn VA regularly at least three days a week with the coffee cart. She assists with events and multiple tasks as assigned by the Voluntary Service staff. For several years during the summer months, Janice worked at the VA five days a week; and

Whereas, during her fifteen years of voluntary service, Janice’s determination and commitment to veterans have earned her several certificates of achievement from several agencies, but working over four thousand hours at Dorn VA, her most recent milestone accomplishment (March 2019), has earned her a special recognition; and

Whereas, when she was on active duty, Janice served twenty‑two years with the U.S. Army in Japan, Korea, and Germany. Further, she served as a first sergeant with the Army Military Intelligence School at Fort Huachuca, Arizona (1972‑1975). She is trained in library skills, has an administrative specialty, and attended Senior Leadership Non‑Commissioned Officer School. She attended many service schools, including Criminal Investigation Department School and NCO School. She also acquired clerical training and took a course in the German language in Germany; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Janice Negus who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, extend grateful thanks to Janice Marie Negus of Kershaw County for her more than four thousand hours of dedicated volunteer service with the Columbia VA Health Care System Office of Voluntary Service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Janice Negus.

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