**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE MARY DELLA HEATHERLY FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AS A PUBLIC SERVANT DEVOTED TO THE CARE OF ELDERLY, DISABLED, AND VULNERABLE CITIZENS IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Mary Della Heatherly for her significant work in service to the citizens of this State; and

Whereas, a native of Spartanburg, Mary Della Heatherly was born on June 2, 1943 to S.J. Martin and Mary Eva Teague Martin, as one of five children. She is an alumna of Converse College; and

Whereas, for over thirty years, Ms. Heatherly served with the South Carolina Department of Social Services’ Adult Protective Services; and

Whereas, after retiring from the Department of Social Services, Ms. Heatherly continued serving the people of this State through Origin SC, a non‑profit organization that was formerly known as Family Services, Inc. and that empowers individuals, families, and communities to achieve financial and housing stability through advocacy, counseling, and education; and

Whereas, in her service with these organizations, Ms. Heatherly’s dedication and advocacy for her clients has been exemplary. A conscientious public servant, she has gone above and beyond to care for citizens in her community and the State who are in need or unable to care for themselves. Ms. Heatherly is always willing to assist in any way necessary, and through it all, she has remained attentive to detail, friendly, outgoing, and diligent; and

Whereas, as just one of many outstanding acts of service to others, Ms. Heatherly has for nine years visited an extremely disabled veteran who lives at the VA Medical Center and is unable to go out. Through significant effort and dedication, she was able to arrange a trip for him to visit his family and friends in St. Croix and to once again see the home where he grew up; and

Whereas, an active leader in her community, Ms. Heatherly has been involved with a number of organizations, including Upstate GOP, GOP Upstate Women, South Carolina Silver Haired Legislators, and the South Carolina Silver Haired Legislators Board. She has also served as the South Carolina Silver Haired Legislators’ Appalachia Caucus Chairwoman; and

Whereas, Ms. Heatherly has one daughter, Robin Heatherly; and

Whereas, a remarkable woman, Mary Della Heatherly is an asset to Spartanburg County and the State of South Carolina. She is reliable, steadfast, kind, and caring, and she is well respected by everyone who knows her and who has worked with her; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are proud to honor this daughter of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Mary Della Heatherly for her outstanding contributions as a public servant devoted to the care of elderly, disabled, and vulnerable citizens in Spartanburg County and the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mary Della Heatherly.

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