**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE JEAN WILLIAMS FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOUP KITCHEN.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Jean Williams for her valuable service to her community; and

Whereas, with a long history of service to her community, Jean Williams initially volunteered with Emmanuel United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen from its opening in 1982 until 1992. Following a fourteen-year hiatus, she ultimately returned to take the reins in 2006 and has been cooking for and serving the needy since that time; and

Whereas, under her supervision, the kitchen provides free hot meals to anyone who is in need every weekday, and churches take turns handing out bag lunches on weekends; and

Whereas, a native of Mississippi, Mrs. Williams learned to cook for large groups when cooking for her family, and she models the Emmanuel United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen after this idea of a “family kitchen”; and

Whereas, Mrs. Williams knows all the people whom she serves, including their names, personalities, and situations. She provides a generous serving to each of them and always greets them with compassion. The kitchen doesn’t discriminate among the homeless, jobless, down‑on‑their‑luck, transient, poor, or those who simply don’t have cars to get to a grocery store; and

Whereas, as a component of this compassionate model of service, Mrs. Williams also provides meal options for those who may dislike or be unable to eat certain options, even bringing food that she has prepared beforehand at home; and

Whereas, Mrs. Williams runs her kitchen efficiently, ensuring that everything is in order and nothing is wasted. She washes and reuses serving trays and containers, sets foldable chairs and tables evenly and neatly, counts plates, and even sends home food waste with a volunteer for composting; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate her unfailing compassion, incredible leadership, and dedicated service to her community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Jean Williams for her many years of service with Emmanuel United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jean Williams.

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