**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE OF NANCY RIKARD LEE, DRAFTING ASSISTANT FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AFTER AN EXEMPLARY CAREER OF TWENTY‑THREE YEARS, AND TO WISH FOR HER A FUTURE BLESSED WITH GOOD HEALTH AND MUCH JOY.

Whereas, on November 16, 2019, Nancy Rikard Lee, a long‑time drafting assistant with the South Carolina Legislative Council, will retire after twenty‑three years of service to this great State, nearly two decades of which she served with Council; and

Whereas, a native of Lexington and a graduate of Lexington High School and the University of South Carolina, Nancy has enjoyed a career in public service that saw her begin work at the State House complex as a Senate staff member. In 1983, she made the move to Legislative Council and has served there, with one intermission, since that time. During her years at Council, Nancy has served under Code Commissioners Thomas Linton, Peden McLeod, Stephen Draffin, James Harrison, and Ashley Harwell‑Beach. For many of those years, she also has helped in billing and payroll at her husband’s family business, R.H. Lee & Co. Auctioneers, Inc.; and

Whereas, at home, Nancy has plenty to keep her busy. Married forty‑four years, she and Rodney live in Ridgeway on a farm with lots of animals, both wild and domesticated, the latter including a large equine, feline, and canine contingent. Their house, Hunterfield, which dates from 1820, is on the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, this seasoned photographer rises early and works late shooting unique images for *South Carolina Wildlife* magazine on her own property. She also delights in creating an ongoing photographic journal of her granddaughter’s early years and continues to take photography courses to hone her skills. Photography, she says, will form a considerable part of her retirement activities, and she is looking forward to having more time to devote to it; and

Whereas, Nancy is also a Clemson‑certified Master Gardener and has an inviting home garden to prove it. She puts her yard’s and garden’s offerings, as well as gleanings from field and wood, to use especially during the holidays, when she beautifully and creatively decorates for Christmas. Both house and yard, bedecked in Christmas finery, have been featured in *South Carolina Wildlife* magazine; and

Whereas, as for football loyalties, Nancy and Rodney, sons Justin and Jake, daughter‑in‑law Audie, and two‑year‑old granddaughter Heyward all sport Clemson orange and enthusiastically support their terrific Tigers. According to Rodney, University of South Carolina grad Nancy is a “convert”; and

Whereas, a woman of faith, Nancy serves her church, Aimwell Presbyterian of Ridgeway, as a choir member. She also heads up a team of hands‑on gardeners who tend the church prayer garden; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Nancy Lee has bestowed on the Palmetto State and wish her many years of enjoyment in her well‑deserved retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution,

express deep appreciation for the dedicated public service of Nancy Rikard Lee, drafting assistant for the South Carolina Legislative Council, congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement from service to the State of South Carolina after an exemplary career of twenty‑three years, and wish for her a future blessed with good health and much joy.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Nancy Rikard Lee.

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