**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SHARRELL TONYA ODOM, A LICENSED FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER TWO DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate have learned that Sharrell Tonya Odom will begin a well‑deserved retirement after years as a premier nurse, the last seven of which have been as a distinguished and highly regarded family nurse practitioner at Ridgeway Pediatrics & Family Practice; and

Whereas, a native of Hampton County, Sharrell Odom is the daughter of the late Honorable Marion F. “Sonny” Riley, Jr., and the Honorable Dorothy S. Riley, Mayor of Fairfax, and she was a 1994 honor graduate of Estill High School; and

Whereas, as a young child, Sharrell learned a love of nursing by helping to care for her family, especially her grandmother, and decided to pursue a career in helping others; and

Whereas, Ms. Odom enrolled at the University of South Carolina, majoring in nursing, and completed a bachelor’s degree in nursing at South Carolina State University in 2002; and

Whereas, she began her medical career with Palmetto Health Richland, now Prisma Health, as a full-time nurse, and she also spent time as a hospice nurse; and

Whereas, Nurse Odom advanced her nursing career with a master’s degree from Indiana State University in 2012 to become a nurse practitioner, and in 2015, she joined the staff of Ridgeway Pediatrics & Family Practice; and

Whereas, she plans to spend many happy hours of retirement enjoying the amazing young men who call her mother, her sons Prince II, Pierre, and Peyton; and

Whereas, grateful for her years of dedicated service, the South Carolina Senate takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Sharrell Tonya Odom as she transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the leisurely pace of the days ahead, and the members celebrate with her as her colleagues bid her farewell at an event hosted for her on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Sharrell Tonya Odom, a licensed family nurse practitioner, upon the occasion of her retirement after two decades of outstanding service, and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sharrell Tonya Odom.

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