**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE CAROL BAUMGARNER UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS DELEGATION SECRETARY, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER OVER FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OCONEE COUNTY, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Carol Baumgarner upon the occasion of her retirement from the Oconee Legislative Delegation Office in April of 2022; and

Whereas, a life-long resident of Oconee County, Mrs. Baumgarner began her career with the Oconee County Clerk of Court, Roy D. Harden, in October of 1971; and

Whereas, Mrs. Baumgarner became the Oconee Legislative Delegation’s first delegation secretary in March of 1973, and she worked in that capacity for forty-nine years. She was the first person to have keys to the delegation office; and

Whereas, the first delegation included Senator Howard Ballenger, Representative Harold King, and Representative Cecil Sandifer; and the last delegation included Senator Thomas Alexander, Representative Bill Sandifer, and Representative Bill Whitmire; and

Whereas, Mrs. Baumgarner’s delegation members have become judges, a college board of trustee member, an employment security commissioner, a United States Congressman and now United States Senator, chairmen of South Carolina House and Senate committees, and President of the South Carolina Senate. They have all succeeded under the watchful eyes of Mrs. Baumgarner; and

Whereas, Mrs. Baumgarner is married to Mike Baumgarner, and together, they have a son, David Baumgarner; a daughter, Lisa Baumgarner Mack; and two grandsons; and

Whereas, in her free time, Mrs. Baumgarner enjoys acting as a member of the Red Hat Society and spending time at the beach; and

Whereas, a caring and compassionate person, Mrs. Baumgarner gives back to the people of Oconee County by serving her church and community; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the passion and dedication that Mrs. Baumgarner has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Carol Baumgarner upon the occasion of her retirement as delegation secretary, commend her for her over fifty years of dedicated service to Oconee County, and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Carol Baumgarner.

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