**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN STATE LEGISLATOR GILDA COBB‑HUNTER OF ORANGEBURG.

Whereas, born on November 5, 1952, Gilda Cobb‑Hunter was the daughter of Selvin and Nina Cobb of Gifford, Florida. She obtained her bachelor’s degree from Florida A&M University in 1973 and went on to receive her master’s degree from Florida State University in 1978; and

Whereas, after graduating from Florida State, the young Gilda Cobb‑Hunter got her start in social work at the Orangeburg Department of Social Services, where she eventually would join, and become the president of, a rape crisis center (1985), choosing to serve and work full‑time without pay, due to a lack of funding; and

Whereas, in January 1992, she successfully mounted a bid for election to the South Carolina House of Representatives (representing District 66 in Orangeburg County), and she since has become the longest‑serving member of the House of Representatives. In 2019, Representative Cobb‑Hunter was named president of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators; and

Whereas, on the home front, Gilda Cobb‑Hunter married her loving husband Terry Keith Hunter in August 1975; and

Whereas, Representative Cobb‑Hunter’s commitment to District 66, as well as to the entire State of South Carolina, sets a standard for all who choose to become public servants of this great State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the life and achievements of prominent African American state legislator Gilda Cobb‑Hunter of Orangeburg.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Gilda Cobb‑Hunter.

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