**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND CHRISTINE JAMES FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO HER LOWCOUNTRY COMMUNITY AND TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to pause in their deliberations to recognize individuals who devote themselves to improving the Palmetto State. Christine James, who has spent a lifetime devoted to public service and improving the quality of life for those in her community and throughout this State, is one such person; and

Whereas, born on January 2, 1959, the young Christine was raised primarily in Hampton. She received her education in the public schools and graduated from Wade Hampton High School. She continued on academically, earning her bachelor’s degree from South Carolina State University and her master’s degree in accounting from Savannah State University; and

Whereas, service minded from the beginning, Christine James’ entire career has been spent in service to the public. She has worked as a bookkeeper and accountant for Rockford in Walterboro; she has worked for the United States Postal Service in Port Royal; she took on responsibilities with the Department of Revenue in Beaufort; and she has dedicated more than seventeen years working in her home community of Hampton, providing service for both the Town of Hampton and Hampton County; and

Whereas, her impact in the community has been immediate and pervasive as she opened her home to the less fortunate and those who needed a mentor. Her home, which has a full‑size basketball court, became a kind of de facto recreation center for those who needed it. She became a powerful and dynamic figure for an entire generation of children who needed the guidance and a safe place she was more than willing to provide; and

Whereas, a strong woman of faith, Christine James has been a lifetime member of Saint Stephens Holiness Church. Giving of her time and many talents, she continues to serve the church as a secretary; and

Whereas, also a person with great love for her family, she was married to the late Thomas James, Jr., until his untimely passing in 1991. Having shared many remarkable years together, they were blessed with three wonderful sons: Michael James, Timothy James, and Joshua James; and

Whereas, her tireless work is indicative of her tremendous character and her personal mission to improve the lives of others. Grateful for the passion, commitment, and dedication that Christine James has shown in serving the State and the people of South Carolina, the House of Representatives is pleased to salute her and thank her for her public service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend Christine James for over thirty years of distinguished public service and commitment to her Lowcountry community and to the State of South Carolina, and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Christine James.

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