**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HANNAH GIDDENS AND TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS THE SCIENCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR PATRIOTS POINT NAVAL AND MARITIME MUSEUM.

Whereas, for many years, the people of South Carolina have enjoyed the benefit of the commitment, experience, and leadership of Hannah Giddens, Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum’s science program coordinator; and

Whereas, a diligent and dedicated educator of others, the young Hannah received her own education at the College of Charleston, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in marine biology; and

Whereas, after graduating, she worked for Dr. Erik Stotka, of the College of Charleston, then as a contractor for NOAA/NOS Marine Biotoxins’ Analytical Response Team, and was also employed part-time as a marine science educator at the Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum on board the USS Yorktown. These experiences led her to a separate position as an educator with the nonprofit South Carolina Maritime Foundation; and

Whereas, Hannah Giddens first walked on board the “Fighting Lady” in 2006, and has been proud to serve the State of South Carolina for fifteen years by educating tens of thousands of students annually. Since 2012, she has overseen and developed the content for science programming both on and off the ship for Patriots Point; and

Whereas, in the 2019-2020 academic year, approximately 13,000 South Carolina fifth graders were educated through the museum’s structured standards-based history and science programs under her coordination, and she has simultaneously used her position as a creative outlet, to include writing, illustrating, video content production, and voiceover work, along with a variety of other creative tasks, when not working directly with students or staff; and

Whereas, her work at Patriots Point has enabled her to circle back to marine biology and to initiate citizen science programs, community programs, professional development opportunities, and relationships with the Sea Grant Consortium, College of Charleston, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and Charleston County Parks and Recreation, among others. She has cherished the ability to continue to engage with the scientific community and create opportunities for scientists, educators, and graduate students to connect; and

Whereas, generous with her time and talents, Hannah Giddens served in 2020 as the president of the South Carolina Marine Educators Association, of which she continues to be an active member; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and leadership Hannah Giddens has bestowed on this great State, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives take great pleasure in wishing her continued success in the days ahead. 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 honor Hannah Giddens and extend deep appreciation for her many years of distinguished service as the science program coordinator for Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Hannah Giddens.

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