**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. CLARA ASHFORD BELL OF COLUMBIA, A BUILDING/GROUNDS SPECIALIST II FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO THANK HER FOR HER NINE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH JOY IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, for nine years, Mrs. Clara Ashford Bell, a State House Building/Grounds Specialist II for the South Carolina Department of Administration, has carried out her duties with excellence and quiet kindness. On December 15, 2021, this Columbia native will begin a well‑deserved retirement; and

Whereas, the only child of Wesley and Josephine Johnson Ashford, Miss Clara, as she is affectionately known by her State House friends, graduated from Eau Claire High School. She is the mother of three, grandmother of seven, and great‑grandmother of three; and

Whereas, the House trusts that in the days to come, Mrs. Bell will find that her increased leisure hours give her unprecedented opportunities to relish fishing, her favorite hobby, and ‑‑ most important of all ‑‑ spoil her grandchildren and great‑grandchildren. Grateful for her many years of outstanding service to the people of South Carolina, the House, pleased to extend best wishes to Mrs. Bell as she retires, hopes she will find an abundance of enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of 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, congratulate Mrs. Clara Ashford Bell of Columbia, a Building/Grounds Specialist II for the South Carolina Department of Administration, on the occasion of her retirement, thank her for her nine years of dedicated service at the South Carolina State House, and wish her much joy in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Clara Ashford Bell.

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