**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DARLENE ANN JENKINS, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Darlene Ann Jenkins has begun a well‑deserved retirement as a loyal employee of Costco in Charleston; and

Whereas, born in Brooklyn, New York, Darlene was married to the late Reginald Maurice Smith, Sr., for six years before his death, and to this union four children were born: Reginald Maurice Smith, Jr.; Theresa Marie Murray; Timmothy Terrance Smith; and Joseph Jamall Smith; and

Whereas, after the death of her first husband, she met and married the late Ricky Ronald Lee Jenkins, and they were married for thirty‑two years. Together they reared one daughter, Rickquita Darlene Monique Jenkins; and

Whereas, thirty‑three years ago, Mrs. Jenkins relocated to Charleston with her family where she reared her children and built a life; and

Whereas, for four years, she had an in‑home daycare where she took care of military children and other children in the neighborhood, providing a safe environment and a haven for children while their parents went to work; and

Whereas, in November 2002, Mrs. Jenkins started working for Costco as a seasonal worker for the holiday. When the holiday season ended, Costco let all the seasonal workers go except her, and she has been employed by Costco for the last twenty years; and

Whereas, she felt that her assignment at Costco was given to her by God, and throughout the last two decades at Costco, she was able to serve and help many people as she fulfilled her work assignment and her call to ministry; and

Whereas, now at the age of fifty‑eight, Mrs. Jenkins has retired and plans to spend many happy hours of retirement in full‑time ministry at her church, Kingdom Vision Christian Center, founded by her brother and sister‑in‑law, Pastor Kevin Brown and First Lady Sarah Brown; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Darlene Jenkins as she transitions to a new chapter of service in the days ahead, and the members wish her many years of fulfillment in her ministry at Kingdom Vision Christian Center. 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 Darlene Ann Jenkins, upon the occasion of her retirement after twenty years of faithful service and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Darlene Ann Jenkins.

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